

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1838
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH JULY, 2019**

IMPROVING DOCTOR-PATIENT RATIO

1838. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that data indicates that there is a little impact on improvement of doctor-patient ratio;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that instead of improvement it has deteriorated in the last decade in India;
- (c) how many medical colleges in addition to the existing ones are required for its improvement and bringing at par to WHO standards; and
- (d) whether Government plans to establish more Government Medical Colleges particularly in States which have such few colleges?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a): As per information provided by Medical Council of India (MCI), there are a total 11,59,309 allopathic doctors registered with the State Medical Councils/Medical Council of India as on 31st March, 2019. Assuming 80% availability, it is estimated that around 9.27 lakh doctors may be actually available for active service. It gives a doctor-population ratio of 1:1456 as per current population estimate of 1.35 billion, which is lower than the WHO norm of 1:1000. The details of number of allopathic doctors registered with the State Medical Councils / MCI is at Annexure.

Besides, there are 7.88 lakh Ayurveda, Unani and Homeopathy (AUH) doctors in the country. Assuming 80% availability, it is estimated that around 6.30 lakh Ayurveda, Unani and Homeopathy (AUH) doctors may be actually available for service and considered together with allopathic doctors, it gives a doctor population ratio of 1:867.

(b): No. The doctor population ratio is continuously improving over the years. The doctor population ratio for the last five years is as under:-

Year	As on date	Doctor Population Ratio	No. of Doctors
2015-16	30.06.2015	1:1681	9,59,198
2016-17	30.06.2016	1:1668	9,88,922
2017-18	31.03.2017	1:1625	10,22,859
2018-19	31.03.2018	1:1541	10,78,732
2019-20	31.03.2019	1:1456	11,59,309

(c) & (d): There are 536 medical colleges in the country with an intake capacity of 79627 MBBS seats and 47152 Post Graduate seats. Further, the Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Establishment of new medical colleges attached with district/referral hospitals in 82 districts in under-served areas in the country. 39 such colleges have become functional. There is another scheme for strengthening/ upgradation of existing State

Government/Central Government Medical Colleges to increase UG/PG seats in the country. Government has also relaxed the norms for Medical Colleges in terms of requirement for land, faculty, staff, bed strength and other infrastructure to facilitate the setting up of new medical colleges.

Number of Doctors Registered with State Medical Councils / Medical Council of India as on 31st
March, 2019

S. No.	Name of the State	Number of Registered Doctors
1.	Andhra Pradesh	100587
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	973
3.	Assam	23902
4.	Bihar	40649
5.	Chattisgarh	8771
6.	Delhi	21394
7.	Goa	3840
8.	Gujarat	66944
9.	Haryana	5717
10.	Himachal	3054
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	15038
12.	Jharkhand	5829
13.	Karnataka	122875
14.	Madhya Pradesh	38180
15.	Maharashtra	173384
16.	Kerala	59353
17.	Mizoram	74
18.	Nagaland	116
19.	Orissa	22521
20.	Punjab	48351
21.	Rajasthan	43388
22.	Sikkim	1405
23.	Tamil Nadu	135456
24.	Uttar Pradesh	77549
25.	Uttrakhand	8617
26.	West Bengal	72016
27.	Tripura	1718
28.	Telangana	4942
29.	Medical Council of India*	52666
	Total	11,59,309

Note - The other State / UTs do not have their own Medical Registration Council. Hence, their workers get registration with the Councils of other neighbouring States.

* 52666 doctors were registered only with MCI. They are presumably working in States / UTs which do not have a medical register or anywhere in the country.