

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1092
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2020**

MEDICAL COLLEGE IN JALPAIGURI DISTRICT OF WEST BENGAL

1092 DR. SANTANU SEN:

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

- (a) whether Government has sanctioned opening of a new Government medical college by upgrading the Jalpaiguri district hospital in West Bengal and
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of funds allocated and proposed timeline by which the college will start functioning?

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

(a) & (b) The Ministry has sanctioned opening of a new Government medical college at Jalpaiguri in West Bengal by upgrading the district hospital. The college has been approved in January, 2020 under Phase III of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for “Establishment of new medical colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals” at an approved cost of Rs. 325 crore, to be shared between the Centre and State Government in the ratio of 60:40 with allocation of Central Share of Rs.195 crores. No funds have yet been released for the medical colleges as the State Government is yet to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in respect of this project. The State Government of West Bengal is the implementing agency for the project.