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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1049
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07TH DECEMBER, 2021

ONCOLOGISTS IN PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTIONS

1049. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE :

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

(a) the total number of Oncologists (including Radiation, Surgical, Medical) in public health institutions across India along with their specialisation, category wise;
(b) whether Government has recognised any deficit in the number of Oncologists especially Radiation Oncologists;
(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to bridge this gap including improving medical education in the country for Oncologists; and
(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) As informed by National Medical Commission(NMC), data on number of Oncologists (including Radiation, Surgical, Medical) in public health institutions across India alongwith their specialisation, categories etc. are not maintained centrally. However, Post Graduate training in Oncology is provided at Broad Specialty and Super Specialty level with different Oncology related specialisations as per details given in the **Annexure.**

(b) to (d) Government has taken various steps to increase the availability of doctors and faculty in medical institutions in the country which include:

i. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for establishment of new medical college by upgrading district hospital in underserved districts of the country. Under this scheme 157 new Government Medical Colleges have been approved across the country in three phases out of these 70 have been made functional.
ii. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/ Central Government Medical colleges to increase MBBS and PG seats
iii. Central Sector Scheme for upgradation of Government Medical Colleges by construction of Super Specialty Blocks. A total of 75 projects have been approved and 53 have been completed.

iv. Under Central Sector Scheme for setting up of new AIIMS, 22 AIIMS have been approved. Undergraduate courses have been started in 18 AIIMS.

v. Relaxation in the norms for setting up of Medical College in terms of requirement for faculty, staff, bed strength and other infrastructure.

vi. DNB qualification has been recognized for appointment as faculty to take care of shortage of faculty.

vii. Enhancement of age limit for appointment/ extension/ re-employment against posts of teachers/dean/principal/ director in medical colleges upto 70 years.

ANNEXURE

S.No.	Name of Course	No. of Seats
1.	DM(Oncology)	139
2.	M.Ch. (Surgical Oncology)	176
3.	MD (Radiotherapy/Radiation Oncology)	594
4	DM (Onco-Pathology)	15
5	DM (Onco-Anaesthesiology & Palliative Medicine)	2
6	Dm (Palliative Oncology)	2
7	DM (Paediatric Oncology)	13
8	DM (Preventive Oncology)	1
9	DM (Paediatric Pulmo-Oncology & Intensive Care)	6
10	DM (Radiation Oncology, Head & Neck Neuro)	4
11	DM Radiation Oncology (Urogenital & Gym)	4
12	DM (Radiotherapy & Oncology)	2
	TOTAL	958