

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.573
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 07TH FEBRUARY, 2023**

PATIENT-DOCTOR RATIO IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS

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

- (a) the latest data on patient-doctor ratio in Government hospitals in each State during 2021-22;
- (b) whether the country has attained WHO recommended doctor- patient ratio in each State;
- (c) whether the Ministry has any special initiatives to increase the patient-doctor ratio as per WHO guidelines; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(DR BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (d): As informed by the National Medical Commission (NMC), there are 13,08,009 allopathic doctors registered with the State Medical Councils and the National Medical Commission (NMC) as on June, 2022. Assuming 80% availability of registered allopathic doctors and 5.65 lakh AYUSH doctors, the doctor-population ratio in the country is 1:834 which is better than the WHO standard of 1:1000. The total number of allopathic doctors registered with the respective State and National Councils is placed at Annexure-I.

The government has increased number of medical colleges and subsequently increased MBBS seats. There is an increase of 69% in Medical Colleges from 387 before 2014 to 654 as of now. Further, there is an increase of 94% in MBBS seats from 51348 before 2014 to 99763 as of now and increase of 107% in PG seats from 31185 before 2014 to 64559 as of now.

The steps to increase doctor-patient ratio include:-

- i. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for establishment of new medical college by upgrading district/ referral hospital under which 94 new medical colleges are already functional out of 157 approved.
- ii. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/Central Government Medical Colleges to increase MBBS and PG seats.
- iii. Under “Upgradation of Government Medical Colleges by construction of Super Specialty Blocks” of Pradhan MantriSwasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) scheme, a total of 75 projects have been approved, of which 60 projects are complete.
- iv. Under the Central Sector Scheme for setting up of new AIIMS, 22 AIIMS have been approved. Undergraduate courses have started in 19 of these.
- 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-I

**STATE/ UT-WISE LIST OF DOCTORS POSSESSING RECOGNISED MEDICAL
QUALIFICATIONS AND REGISTERED WITH STATE MEDICAL COUNCILS / THE
ERSTWHILE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF INDIA/ NATIONAL MEDICAL
COMMISSION AS ON JUNE, 2022**

Sl. No.	Name of State Medical Council	Total number of allopathic doctors
1.	Andhra Pradesh Medical Council	105799
2.	Arunachal Pradesh Medical Council	1461
3.	Assam Medical Council	25561
4.	Bihar Medical Council	48192
5.	Chattisgarh Medical Council	10020
6.	Delhi Medical Council	30817
7.	Goa Medical Council	4035
8.	Gujarat Medical Council	72406
9.	Haryana Medical Council	15687
10.	Himachal Pradesh Medical Council	5038
11.	Jammu & Kashmir Medical Council	17574
12.	Jharkhand Medical Council	7374
13.	Karnataka Medical Council	134426
14.	Madhya Pradesh Medical Council	42596
15.	Maharashtra Medical Council	188545
16.	Erstwhile Medical Council of India	52669
17.	Mizoram Medical Council	156
18.	Nagaland Medical Council	141
19.	Orissa Council of Medical Registration	26924
20.	Punjab Medical Council	51689
21.	Rajasthan Medical Council	48232
22.	Sikkim Medical Council	1501
23.	Tamil Nadu Medical Council	148217
24.	Travancore Medical Council	72999
25.	Uttar Pradesh Medical Council	89287
26.	Uttaranchal Medical Council	10243
27.	West Bengal Medical Council	78740
28.	Tripura Medical Council	2681
29.	Telangana Medical Council	14999

Source: The National Medical Commission

Note:- Erstwhile MCI had stopped the registration since 2015.