

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.613
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 07TH FEBRUARY, 2023**

DOCTORS PRACTISING MIXOPATHY

613 MS. SUSHMITA DEV:

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

(a) whether Government plans to implement the proposal of the National Medical Council against “mixopathy”, wherein a medical practitioner can only prescribe medicines in the system of medicine he is trained;

(b) if so, the action to be taken by Government on those who practice mixopathy;

(c) whether it is a fact that many States have allowed such mixopathy to curb the shortage of doctors in rural areas; and

(d) if so, the steps Government plans to take to mitigate such shortages?

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

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(a) to (d): To decide doctors of which system of medicine will be deployed at various levels of public health facilities is a prerogative of the State Governments. However, the Indian Public Health Standards, 2022 prescribes norms for allopathic services and AYUSH services have been retained as desirable. Besides this under the Ayushman Bharat scheme, sub-centres have been upgraded as Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centers led by a community health officer (CHOs).

To increase the number of doctors in the country, 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 measures/steps taken by the Government to increase the number of medical seats in the Country 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.
