

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 298
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5TH DECEMBER, 2023**

OPENING OF NEW MEDICAL COLLEGES IN THE COUNTRY

298 DR. DHARMASTHALA VEERENDRA HEGGADE:

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

- (a) whether Government administers a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for 'Establishment of new medical colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals' with preference to underserved areas and inspirational districts;
- (b) if so, whether Government has recently approved 157 new medical colleges in the country and if so, the details thereof, along with the number of MBBS seats likely to be increased to the existing seats, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the number of medical colleges and MBBS seats before 2014 and as on 30th September, 2023, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the measures/steps taken by Government to augment the medical education facilities and to improve the medical standards in the country ?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare administers a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for 'Establishment of new medical colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals' with preference to underserved areas and aspirational districts, where there is no existing Government or private medical college with fund sharing between the Centre and State Governments in the ratio of 90:10 for North Eastern and Special Category States and 60:40 for others.

Under the Scheme, 157 Government medical colleges have been approved in three phases, Out of these, 108 medical colleges have become functional. The phase wise details of medical colleges approved in the country are at Annexure-I.

The Government has increased number of medical colleges and subsequently increased MBBS seats. There is an increase of 82% in medical colleges from 387 before 2014 to 706 as of now. Further, there is an increase of 112% in MBBS seats from 51,348 before 2014 to 1,08,848 as of now. The State-wise details of MBBS seats in 2014 and as on 30.09.2023 is at Annexure-II.

Some of the measures/steps taken by the Government to augment the medical education facilities and to improve the medical standards in the country include: -

- i. CSS for establishment of new medical colleges by upgrading district/ referral hospital under which 157 new medical colleges have been approved, out of which 108 are already functional.
- ii. CSS for strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/ Central Government medical colleges to increase the number of MBBS (UG) and PG seats.
- iii. Under “Upgradation of Government medical colleges by construction of Super Specialty Blocks” of PMSSY scheme, a total of 75 projects have been approved, of which 64 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 teaching 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-wise details of 157 Medical Colleges approved under the Centrally Sponsored scheme for
'Establishment of new medical colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals'**

S.No	State/UT	Districts
Phase-I (58)		
1	A & N Islands	Port Blair
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Naharlagun
3	Assam	Dhubri, Nagaon, North Lakhimpur, Diphu
4	Bihar	Purnia, Saran (Chhapara), Samastipur
5	Chhattisgarh	Rajnandgaon, Sarguja
6	Himachal Pradesh	Chamba, Hamirpur, Nahan (Sirmour)
7	Haryana	Bhiwani
8	Jharkhand	Dumka, Hazaribagh, Palamu (Daltonganj)
9	Jammu & Kashmir	Anantnag, Baramulla, Rajouri, Doda, Kathua
10	Madhya Pradesh	Datia, Khandwa, Ratlam, Shahdol, Vidisha, Chindwara, Shivpuri
11	Maharashtra	Gondia
12	Meghalaya	West Garo Hills (Tura)
13	Mizoram	Falkawn
14	Nagaland	Naga Hospital (Kohima)
15	Odisha	Balasore, Baripada (Mayurbhanj), Bolangir, Koraput, Puri
16	Punjab	SAS Nagar
17	Rajasthan	Barmer, Bharatpur, Bhilwara, Churu, Dungarpur, Pali, Sikar
18	Uttar Pradesh	Basti, Faizabad, Firozabad, Shahjahanpur, Bahraich
19	Uttarakhand	Almora
20	West Bengal	Birbhum (Rampur Hat), Cooch behar, Diamond harbour, Purulia, Raiganj (North Dinajpur)
Phase -II (24)		
1	Bihar	Sitamarhi, Jhanjharpur, Siwan, Buxar, Jamui

2	Jharkhand	Koderma, Chaibasa (Singhbhum)
3	Madhya Pradesh	Satna
4	Odisha	Jajpur
5	Rajasthan	Dholpur
6	Uttar Pradesh	Etah, Hardoi, Pratapgarh, Fatehpur, Siddharthnagar (Domariyaganj), Deoria, Ghazipur, Mirzapur
7	West Bengal	Barasat, Uluberia, Arambagh, Jhargram, Tamluk
8	Sikkim	Gangtok
Phase-III (75)		
1	Andhra Pradesh	Piduguralla, Paderu, Machilipatnam
2	Assam	Kokrajhar
3	Chhattisgarh	Korba, Mahasamund, Kanker
4	Gujarat	Narmada, Navsari, Panchmahal, Porbandar, Morbi
5	Jammu & Kashmir	Udhampur, Handwara (Distt. Kupwara)
6	Karnataka	Chikkamagaluru, Haveri, Yadgiri, Chikkaballapura
7	Ladakh	Leh
8	Madhya Pradesh	Rajgarh, Mandla, Neemuch, Mandsaur, Sheopur, Singrauli
9	Maharashtra	Nandurbar
10	Manipur	Churachandpur
11	Nagaland	Mon
12	Odisha	Kalahandi
13	Punjab	Kapurthala, Hoshiarpur
14	Rajasthan	Alwar, Baran, Bansawara, Chittorgarh, Jaisalmer, Karauli, Nagaur, Shri Ganganagar, Sirohi, Bundi, SawaiMadhopur, Tonk, Hanumangarh, Jhunjhunu, Dausa
15	Uttarakhand	Rudrapur (Distt. Udham Singh Nagar), Pithoragarh, Haridwar
16	Uttar Pradesh	Bijnaur, Kushinagar, Sultanpur, Gonda, Lalitpur, LakhimpurKheri, Chandauli, Bulandshahar, Sonbhadra, Pilibhit, Auraiya, Kanpur Dehat, Kaushambi, Amethi
17	Tamil Nadu	Tiruppur, Nilgiris, Ramanathapuram, Namakkal, Dindigul, Virudhunagar, Krishnagiri, Tiruvallur, Nagapattinam, Ariyalur, Kallakurichi
18	West Bengal	Jalpaiguri

Annexure-II**Medical colleges and MBBS seats in the country**

S. No.	Name of the State/UT	2013-14		2023-24	
		Total College	Total Seats	Total College	Total Seats
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	1	114
2	Andhra Pradesh	43	6230	37	6485
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	1	50
4	Assam	5	626	13	1550
5	Bihar	14	1310	21	2765
6	Chandigarh	1	100	1	150
7	Chhattisgarh	6	600	14	2005
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	1	177
9	Delhi	8	900	10	1497
10	Goa	1	150	1	180
11	Gujarat	22	3180	40	7150
12	Haryana	7	800	15	2185
13	Himachal Pradesh	3	350	8	920
14	Jammu & Kashmir	4	500	12	1339
15	Jharkhand	3	350	9	980
16	Karnataka	46	6755	70	11745
17	Kerala	25	3025	33	4655
18	Madhya Pradesh	13	1700	27	4800
19	Maharashtra	44	5590	68	10845
20	Manipur	2	200	4	525
21	Meghalaya	1	50	1	50
22	Mizoram	0	0	1	100
23	Nagaland	0	0	1	100
24	Orissa	9	1050	17	2525
25	Puducherry	9	1100	9	1830
26	Punjab	10	1245	12	1800
27	Rajasthan	11	1750	35	5575
28	Sikkim	1	100	1	150
29	Tamil Nadu	45	6215	74	11650
30	Telangana	0	0	56	8490
31	Tripura	2	200	2	225
32	Uttar Pradesh	30	3749	68	9903
33	Uttarakhand	5	450	8	1150
34	West Bengal	17	2400	35	5275
	Total	387	51348#	706	108940

*Data for 2023-24 may vary on granting of permission by NMC for new Colleges/ increase of seats and on withdrawal of permission for Colleges / seats.

#Including 673 MBBS seats in new AIIMS