

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 426
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6th February, 2024**

DOCTOR PATIENT RATIO

426. SHRI BEEDHA MASTHAN RAO YADAV:

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

- (a) the doctor-to-population ratio in the country in the last three years;
- (b) whether this ratio is in compliance with international health standards;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government has taken any steps to increase the number of doctors and prevent brain drain; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (e): As per information provided by 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 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 1,08,940 as of now and increase of 127% in PG seats from 31,185 before 2014 to 70,645 as of now.

The measures/steps taken by the Government to increase the doctor/medical professional in the country include:-

- (i) Centrally Sponsored Scheme for establishment of new medical college by upgrading district/ referral hospital under which 108 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 Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (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 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.
