

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 151  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2024**

**NEW GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGES IN WEST BENGAL**

**151 SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA:**

Will the Minister of Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government intends to set up one medical college in every district of West Bengal;
- (b) whether Government is aware that there is no medical colleges in Dakshin Dinajpur, Alipurduar, Kalimpong and Paschim Burdwan districts of West Bengal;
- (c) whether the Central Government has received any proposal from the State Government for establishing medical colleges in these districts; and
- (d) the current ratio of aspiring medical students to available seats in existing medical colleges in West Bengal?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA  
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(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. The fund sharing mechanism between the Centre and State Governments is in the ratio of 90:10 for North Eastern and Special Category States, and 60:40 for others. Under the Scheme, all the envisaged 157 Government medical colleges have already been approved in three phases including 11 medical colleges in West Bengal at Birbhum (Rampur Hat), Cooch Behar, Diamond Harbour, Purulia, Raiganj(North Dinajpur), Barasat, Uluberia, Arambagh, Jhargram, Tamluk, Jalpaiguri. However, no proposal for setting up of Medical College at Dakshin Dinajpur, Alipurduar, Kalimpong and Paschim Burdwan were received from the State of West Bengal.

Under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), an AIIMS has also been established at Kalyani.

There are 5,375 UG seats available in West Bengal for the academic year 2024-25. As informed by National Testing Agency, 1,16,110 candidates appeared in NEET(UG) 2024 from West Bengal.

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