

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2018
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18th MARCH, 2025**

INCREASE IN GNM AND ANM COLLEGES

2018: DR. DHARMASTHALA VEERENDRA HEGGADE

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

- (a) whether Government is specially focusing on increasing the number of General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) and Auxiliary Nursing Midwifery (ANM) Colleges and to increase the capacity thereof across the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the financial provisions made for upgradation of existing nursing schools and colleges in the country; and
- (c) the present status of "augmenting nursing education" scheme; and
- (d) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by Government to increase the number of qualified faculty members in various specialties and to improve the knowledge and skills of nursing staff?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH
AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (d) The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare administers a Central Sector Scheme "Development of Nursing services" for upgradation of existing Schools of Nursing into Colleges of Nursing. As per the scheme guidelines, an amount of Rs 7 cr is released to each School of Nursing for upgradation into College of Nursing. Under the said scheme an amount of Rs. 19.76 crores is earmarked under BE 2025-26 for allocation to Schools of Nursing for upgradation into Colleges of Nursing.

Further, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare also administers a Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Augmenting Nursing Education - Establishment of 157 new Colleges of Nursing (CoN) in co-location with Medical Colleges' for establishment of 157 nursing colleges in the country. Under the scheme, 109 nursing colleges have been approved.

As per the Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) Regulations, 2019, renewal of registration/license every five years is linked with 150 hours of CNE for all categories of nurses. Under the component 'Training of Nurses' of the Central Sector Scheme "Development of Nursing Services", Central Government provides funds for training of nurses in a batch of 30 nurses per course of 7 days which adds to their CNE credits.
