

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2842
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th MARCH, 2025**

PROPOSAL TO INCREASE MEDICAL SEATS

2842. SHRI ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to add 10,000 more medical seats in various medical colleges across the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the total expenditure likely to be incurred on proposed addition of the seats in medical colleges;
- (c) whether Government has decided to open one day cancer care centre in each district and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government also proposes to establish at least 200 day cancer care centres across the country during the current year and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the details of other steps taken/being taken by Government to strengthen medical health systems in the country?

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

(a) to (e): During the Union Budget 2025-26, Government announced to add 10,000 medical seats in various medical colleges and to establish 200 Day Care Cancer Centres (DCCCs) in district hospitals across the country.

Increase of medical seats is a continuous process and a total of 13,436 medical seats were increased during academic year 2024-25. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare administers a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for “Up-gradation of existing Government medical colleges to increase MBBS seats”. Under the Scheme, support is provided for civil works, equipment and furniture for increasing MBBS seats in Government Medical Colleges with a cost ceiling of Rs.1.20 Crore per seat, to be shared between the Centre and State Governments in the ratio of 90:10 for North Eastern and Special Category States and 60:40 for others.

At present, 372 DCCCs are already functional across district hospitals. A comprehensive gap analysis has been initiated to assess the availability of cancer care infrastructure, medical staff and essential equipment in district hospitals for establishing 200 DCCCs in districts with high cancer burden and inadequate access to Cancer Care Services.

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

- i. Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for establishment of new medical colleges by upgrading district/ referral hospital under which 157 new medical colleges have been approved, out of which 131 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, under which support has been provided for increase of 4977 MBBS seats in 83 colleges with an approved cost of Rs. 5972.20 Cr. , 4058 PG seats in phase-I in 72 colleges with an approved cost of Rs. 1498.43 Cr. and 4000 PG seats in phase-II in 65 colleges with an approved cost of Rs. 4478.25 Cr.
- iii. Under “Upgradation of Government medical colleges by construction of Super Specialty Blocks” component of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), a total of 75 projects have been approved, of which 71 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. DNB qualification has been recognized for appointment as teaching faculty to take care of shortage of faculty.
- vi. Enhancement of age limit for appointment/ extension/ re-employment against posts of teachers/dean/principal/ director in medical colleges upto 70 years.
