

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2850
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th MARCH, 2025**

AVAILABILITY OF SPECIALIZED DOCTORS IN THE COUNTRY

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

- (a) the total number of specialized doctors available in the country, specialty-wise such as cardiologists, oncologists, neurologists, nephrologists, pediatricians, etc.;
- (b) the details of the number of specialized doctors available in Government and private hospitals, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of new medical colleges and postgraduate medical seats added in the last five years to increase the number of specialized doctors; and
- (d) whether Government has any incentives or policies to encourage doctors to take up specialization in critical fields where there is a shortage, and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) & (b): As per information provided by National Medical Commission (NMC), there are 13,86,150 registered allopathic doctors. Specialty-wise data of doctors in the country is not available.

(c): The details of new medical colleges and postgraduate medical seats added in the last five years are as under:-

SR No.	Academic Year	New medical PG seats added in last 5 years	New MBBS college added in last 5 years
1	2020-21	4,983	19
2	2021-22	4,705	48
3	2022-23	2,874	55
4	2023-24	4,713	45
5	2024-25	4,186	74

(d): The NMC has developed Post-Graduate Medical Education Regulations (PGMER) to standardize postgraduate education. Guidelines for competency-based postgraduate education programs in various specialties, including MD in General Medicine and DM in Critical Care Medicine have been developed. NMC has recognized PG degree in Traumatology and Surgery as one of the qualifications to appear in NEET-SS 2024 for the M.Ch. specialists in Neurosurgery, Vascular surgery, plastic surgery and Reconstructive surgery. Furthermore, doctors attend international seminars, conference in health sector to increase their professional skills and knowledge on latest treatment protocols and medical advancements. The duration of study leave to pursue higher studies/research work has been increased to 36 months for CHS officers.
