

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3450
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01st APRIL, 2025**

**INITIATIVES TO STRENGTHEN MEDICAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN
HIMACHAL PRADESH**

3450. DR. SIKANDER KUMAR:

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

- (a) the details of the initiatives designed to uplift and strengthen medical educational institutions in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) the goals of the scheme and notable achievements accomplished;
- (c) whether Government has proposed to issue guidelines to increase availability of modern infrastructure and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government plans to introduce a credit incentive programme to boost the country's health infrastructure and if so, the time by when it is likely to be introduced?

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 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, 03 medical colleges (Chamba, Hamirpur and Nahan) have been approved in Himachal Pradesh. All the three medical colleges are functional.

Further, under CSS for upgradation of existing State Government/ Central Government Medical Colleges for increasing MBBS (UG) seats and PG seats, financial support has been provided to the State of Himachal Pradesh for increase of 120 MBBS seats in 06 Medical Colleges at a total approved cost of Rs. 144 Crores and 17 PG seats in 01 Medical College at a total approved cost of Rs. 14.50 Crores.

Besides, under “Setting up of new AIIMS” component of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), an AIIMS has been established at Bilaspur. Also, under “Upgradation of Government medical colleges by construction of Super Specialty Blocks” component of PMSSY, a total of 02 projects have been approved in Himachal Pradesh in Government Medical Colleges at Tanda and Shimla.
