

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2993
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH AUGUST, 2025**

DEMAND TO INCREASE THE RATIO OF MBBS SEATS TO POPULATION

2993 SHRI ANIL KUMAR YADAV MANDADI:

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

- (a) whether Government has received representations/demands to increase the current 100 MBBS seats for 10 lakh population;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken decision in this regard and decided to increase the ratio of MBBS seats to population which in turn will increase the doctor-to-patient ratio;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare received references raising concern over “*Establishment of New Medical Institutions, Starting of New Medical Courses, Increase of Seats for Existing Courses & Assessment and Rating Regulations 2023 (MSR-2023)*”, particularly about the criterion mandating a ratio of 100 MBBS seats for 10 lakh population in the State/UT. After due deliberation, National Medical Commission vide public notice dated 15.11.2023 and 19.12.2024 has kept in abeyance the aforesaid provision for the academic year 2025-26.

There are 13,86,157 registered allopathic doctors and 7,51,768 registered practitioners in the AYUSH system of medicine. The World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends a doctor to population ratio of 1:1000. Assuming that 80% of registered practitioners in both the allopathic and AYUSH systems are available, the doctor-population ratio in the country is estimated to be 1:811.

To increase medical professionals in the country, the Government is implementing following schemes:

- i. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for establishment of new medical college by upgrading district/ referral hospital under which 131 new medical colleges are functional out of 157 approved medical colleges.
- ii. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/Central Government Medical Colleges to increase MBBS and PG seats.
- iii. Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) scheme has a component related to “Upgradation of Government Medical Colleges by construction of Super Specialty Blocks/Trauma care centres, etc.” Out of 75 projects, 71 projects are complete under this component. The other component is for setting up of new AIIMS, 22 AIIMS have been approved.
