

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 262
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND DECEMBER, 2025**

QUALITY OF MEDICAL EDUCATION

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the report of Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health & Family Welfare titled 'Quality of Medical Education in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the significant features / recommendations contained in the report;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the report recommended to establish new medical colleges attached to a district or referral hospitals;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by Government thereon?

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

(a) & (b): The report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health & Family Welfare, titled “Quality of Medical Education in the Country” contains a number of key recommendations across several thematic areas. These include:

- Quality of Medical Education: Global Perspectives
- Medical Colleges and Seats in India
- Imbalance in Distribution of Medical Colleges
- Evaluation of the existing curriculum and its relevance to healthcare needs, the need for transformation
- Research Support and facilities
- Affordability of Medical Education
- Faculty Qualifications and Competence
- Rating and Accreditation of Medical Colleges

(c) to (e): The Government is implementing following schemes with preference to underserved areas for expansion of medical colleges:

- i. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for establishment of new medical college by upgrading district/ referral hospital under which 137 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, under which 22 AIIMS have been approved.

Further, there has been significant increase in Medical Colleges, Under Graduate(UG) and Post Graduate(PG) seats. There is an increase in Medical Colleges from 387 to 818; UG seats from 51,348 to 1,28,875 and PG seats from 31,185 to 82,059 from 2014 to as on date.
