

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2851
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17th MARCH 2026**

UPGRADATION OF DISTRICT HOSPITALS IN HILLY AREAS OF UTTARAKHAND

2851 # SHRI MAHENDRA BHATT:

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

(a) whether Government is formulating any new scheme to upgrade district hospitals in the distant hilly districts of Uttarakhand to provide medical college/specialist health services;

and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): 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, all the envisaged 157 Government Medical Colleges have been approved including four (04) medical colleges in Uttarakhand at Almora, Udham Singh Nagar (Rudrapur), Pithoragarh & Haridwar.

Further, the Government has recently approved phase III and extension of the CSSs for Strengthening and Upgradation of existing State/Central Government Medical Colleges, Standalone PG Institutes and Government Hospitals for creation of 5000 PG seats and 5023 MBBS seats with an enhanced cost ceiling of Rs. 1.50 crore per seat. Guidelines for implementation of these schemes have been issued in November, 2025, wherein, States/UTs including Uttarakhand have been requested to send the Detailed Project Report with proper Gap Analysis. While sending the proposals, States/UTs have been requested to give priority to the institutes in underserved/rural areas and to certain broad specialities.
