

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3617
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH MARCH, 2026**

SUPER-SPECIALITY BLOCKS OF MEDICAL COLLEGES IN KARNATAKA

3617. SHRI IRANNA KADADI:

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

- (a) the operational status of super-specialty blocks constructed in government medical colleges across North Karnataka;
- (b) whether the completion of these infrastructure projects has reduced the need for patients to travel to metropolitan cities for advanced care;
- (c) the details of funds actively utilized for the procurement of advanced diagnostic and surgical equipment for these medical colleges in 2025-26;
- (d) the progress in increasing post-graduate medical seats in the State to address the shortage of specialists; and
- (e) the steps taken to ensure the recruitment and retention of medical faculty in tier-2 and tier-3 cities?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (e) Under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), three Government Medical Colleges (GMC) in the State of Karnataka namely (i) Bangalore Medical College, Bangalore; (ii) Vijayanagar Institute of Medical Sciences, Bellary; and (iii) Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences, Hubballi have been upgraded by way of construction of Super-Specialty Blocks (SSBs)/Trauma Care Blocks and procurement of medical equipment on Centre–State cost-sharing basis. The upgradation of GMCs has enhanced availability and accessibility of tertiary healthcare services to the people of area. As per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Government of Karnataka, operation and maintenance of facilities established under the scheme is the responsibility of the State Government.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for the 'Establishment of new Medical Colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals', four medical colleges have been approved in the State of Karnataka at Chikkamagaluru, Haveri, Yadgiri, and Chikkaballapura. Additionally, under CSS for strengthening and upgradation of GMCs for increase of MBBS and PG seats, approval has been accorded for addition of 70 Postgraduate (PG) and 550 MBSS seats across various GMCs in Karnataka.
