

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3642
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH MARCH 2026**

EXPANSION OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONS

3642. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

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

- (a) whether Union Budget 2026 proposes for expansion of allied health professional institutions and training 1.5 lakh multi-skilled caregivers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of allocation for the same, State-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) : Government of India announced in Budget 2026-27 to upgrade the existing institutions for Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) and also to establish new AHP Institutions in private and Government sectors covering 10 selected disciplines, including optometry, radiology, anesthesia, OT Technology, Applied Psychology and Behavioural Health and add 100,000 AHPs over the next 5 years. The key strategy for achieving the aforementioned Budget announcement are upgradation of existing allied health institution, addressing faculty shortages, standardization of curricula, increasing awareness, imparting training, stakeholders consultation etc.

Further, it has also been announced in the union budget 2026-27 to build a strong Care Ecosystem, covering geriatric and allied care services and to develop a variety of NSQF-aligned programmes to train 1.5 lakh multiskilled caregivers combining core care and allied skills, such as, wellness, yoga and operation of medical and assistive devices. In this regard, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has informed that it is developing a detailed plan broadly factoring in formulating a structured caregiver career pathway, with standardized training curriculum and multi-skilling modules; training of trainers to ensure the availability of sufficient pool of qualified trainers to ensure quality of training delivery; using the apprenticeship route as an opportunity for practical training of candidates utilising the network of hospitals, industries and institutions in this sector; working with respective State/ UT governments; developing a network of credible training infrastructure utilising ITIs, Healthcare providers, training institutions for quality training of candidates; and making the data of skilled care professionals available on Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH).
