

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5540  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2017**

**INCREASING OF SEATS FOR NURSES**

**5540. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of seats every year in the institutions imparting education in the field of nursing and midwifery;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken by the Government to cater to the education and training of the nurses to sufficiently meet the increasing demand in the field of health sector?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

(a) & (b): Individual Nursing institutions if desire, propose for the enhancement of seats. Health being State subject, the State Government issues the essentiality / desirable certificate to the Institution. On the basis of the inspection report, Indian Nursing Council (INC) increases seats of an Institution.

(c): As per INC records, there are around 27.8 lakh nursing personnel registered in the country as on 31-12-2015. Assuming 60% availability in the case of RN&RM and 80% availability in the case of ANM/LHV, it is estimated that around 18.4 lakh nursing personnel are available for active services, which gives a Nurse-Population ratio of about 1:695 (Population taken as 128 Crores). There are around 8000 Nursing Institutes in the country producing about 3 lakh nursing personnel annually, to meet the requirement of nursing personnel in the country.

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