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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5555 TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH APRIL, 2017

MEDICAL COLLEGES IN ODISHA

5555. SHRIMATI RITA TARAI:

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

- (a) the present status regarding establishment of five medical colleges in different districts of Odisha;
- (b) whether the Government is arranging to release the balance funds of Rs. 361 crore for establishment of these medical colleges in Bolangir, Koraput, Mayurbanj, Balasore and Puri in time so as to complete the infrastructure and make it operational in 2017; and
- (c) the other steps being taken by the Government to expedite the said work?

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

(a) to (c): Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for 'Establishment of new Medical Colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals', five districts namely, Bolangir, Koraput, Mayurbhanj, Balasore and Puri have been approved to establish new medical colleges. Two medical colleges at Koraput and Baripada have applied for permission for establishment for the academic year 2017-18 under the provision of IMC Act, 1956. Funds to the tune of Rs.170 crore have been released to the State Government of Odisha till date. Further funds would be released to the State Government in due course. The State Government of Odisha has been requested to complete the construction works by December, 2018. It has also been requested to submit application for establishment for academic year 2018-19 in the remaining colleges under the scheme.