

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 69
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15TH DECEMBER, 2017**

SETTING UP OF MEDICAL COLLEGES

69. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether any efforts are being made by the Government for setting up Medical Colleges in the remote and backward areas of Nashik district of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) to (c): Presently there is a Medical College namely Dr. Vasantra Pawar Medical College Hospital & Research Centre, Nasik run by a Trust with intake capacity of 120 MBBS seats.

Further, this Ministry administers a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Establishment of new Medical Colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals. The criteria for identification of Districts under the Scheme is:

- (i) District Hospitals/referral hospital with bed strength of 200 or more.
- (ii) District/Referral hospitals of the districts where there is no medical college.
- (iii) Preference to underserved areas.

As there is already a Medical College in Nashik, it does not meet the criteria for the above Scheme. However, one district namely Gondia in Maharashtra has been approved under this Scheme to establish new medical college attached with existing district/referral hospital.

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