

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 523
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH JULY, 2018**

NATIONAL HEALTH PROFILE

523. SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

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

(a) whether the National Health Profile 2018 highlighted major troubles such as low public expenditure on health, doctor/patient ratio, etc. and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to rectify these issues and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): The Central Bureau of Health Intelligence in its publication viz National Health Profile 2018 has inter-alia highlighted low public expenditure on health. The report also indicates increase in the availability of Allopathic Medical Practitioners, Dental Surgeons and Nurses per lakh population over the years.

(b): The Government has taken several steps to increase public health expenditure, and increase number of doctors in the country, which inter-alia includes:

Á The Government has formulated and brought out National Health Policy, 2017 which envisages raising Government health spending to 2.5% of GDP by 2025 in a time bound manner. It also envisages increasing State sector health spending to more than 8% of their budget by 2020.

Á Diplomate in National Board (DNB) qualification has been recognized for appointment as faculty to take care of shortage of faculty.

Á Enhancement of maximum intake capacity at MBBS level from 150 to 250.

Á Relaxation in the norms of setting up of Medical College in terms of requirement for land, faculty, staff, bed/bed strength and other infrastructure.

Á Strengthening/upgradation of State Government Medical Colleges for starting new PG courses/increase of PG seats.

Á Establishment of New Medical Colleges by upgrading district/referral hospitals preferably in underserved districts of the country .

Á Strengthening/up gradation of existing State Government/Central Government Medical Colleges to increase MBBS seats.

Á Enhancement of age limit for appointment/ extensions / re-employment against posts of teachers/dean/principal/director in medical colleges from 65-70 years..

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