

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 858
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2018**

INADEQUACY OF MEDICAL COLLEGES IN NE REGION

858. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the North Eastern States, especially Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Nagaland lack adequate number of medical colleges and manpower in health sector;
- (b) if so, the steps taken to address the issues; and
- (c) the details of the new, ingenious methodologies developed by the Government to tackle the challenges unique to hilly and mountainous States in delivering health services?

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

- (a) to (c): To improve the availability of medical colleges and manpower in health sector, the Ministry is:
- (i) Establishing nine new medical colleges under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for “Establishment of new medical colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals”. Out of these, 2 new medical colleges at Naharlagun (Arunachal Pradesh) and Falkawn (Mizoram) are functional.
 - (ii) Providing better medical education facilities to the students of North Eastern States, two Central Medical Institutes namely North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences, Shillong (Mizoram) and Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal (Manipur) have been established by this Ministry. The Ministry has also decided to set up one All India Institutes of Medical Sciences at Guwahati (Assam) and to upgrade three Government Medical Colleges in Assam (2) and Tripura (1) under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY).
 - (iii) Providing comprehensive primary healthcare particularly in remote, difficult, underserved and unreached areas (especially North Eastern States), dedicated Mobile Medical Units (MMU Services) have been launched under National Health Mission programme (NHM).

To promote establishment of new medical colleges in hilly areas, the Government has also relaxed the requirement of land and bed strength.