

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5639
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH JULY, 2019**

MEDICAL PG COURSES

5639. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to increase seats for Medical PG courses;
- (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): As per information received from Board of Governors in supersession of Medical Council of India, 2158 PG Seats were increased under Section 10A of Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 in the academic year 2019-20.

Also as per Notification dated 12.07.2018 issued by Medical Council of India (MCI), Ministry on the recommendation of Board of Governors in Supersession of Medical Council of India allowed eligible Medical Institutions/Colleges to convert their existing Diploma courses to Post Graduate Degree Courses. It resulted increase of 2148 Post Graduate seats in lieu of surrendering of equal number of existing Diploma Seats 2019-20.

Further, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has a Centrally Sponsored Schemes for “Strengthening and Up-gradation of State Government medical colleges for starting new PG disciplines and increasing PG Seats.

Under Phase-I of the scheme for “**Strengthening and Up-gradation of State Government Medical Colleges for starting new PG disciplines and increasing PG seats**”, a total of 72 Government Medical colleges in 21 States/UTs have been approved for increasing 4058 PG seats. Further, under Phase-II, a total of 5 Government Medical Colleges have been approved under the scheme for increasing 98 PG seats till date.