

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1736
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16th DECEMBER, 2022**

NURSING AND MIDWIFERY PROFESSIONALS

1736: MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:

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

a) whether the Government is aware that more than one-third of nurses will leave their roles by the end of 2023 wherein 44 per cent have cited burnout/high-stress environment/workload as the reasons for their desire to leave the profession;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government thereto; and

(c) the details of the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the need of approx. 4.3 million more nurses by 2024 and to meet WHO norms of Nursing and Midwifery Professional Organizations therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH
AND FAMILY WELFARE
(Dr. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (c): As informed by Indian Nursing Council (INC), there are 35.14 lakh Nursing and Midwifery Professionals in the country giving a nurse to population ratio of 2.06 nurses per 1000 population. There are 5324 Nursing Institutions including 722 government institutes in the country.

In order to promote nursing education in the country, the central government is implementing a central sector scheme "Development of Nursing Services" under which Schools of Nursing (SoN) are given Grants-in-aid to upgrade them into Colleges of Nursing (CoN).

The Government has also relaxed the norms in Nursing education to increase nursing human resource in the country. These include: -

- i. Relaxation of the student teacher ratio for M.Sc.(N) programme from 1:5 to 1:10.
- ii. Student patient ratio for Nursing Institutions revised from 1:5 to 1:3.
- iii. Nursing college with 100 seats to be allowed with 300 bedded hospital without insisting on attachment with Medical College.
- iv. The land requirement for Nursing college reduced from 3 acres to 54,000 sq. ft. for constructing building for School/College of Nursing including Hostel.

- v. Relaxation in the norms of having a 100 bedded parent hospital for School/College of Nursing in hilly and tribal areas.
- vi. Distance requirement from School/College to parent hospital enhanced from 15 Km to 30 Km in plain areas and 50 Km in hilly and tribal areas.
- vii. Eligibility criteria for admission into Diploma and Degree relaxed.
- viii. Super Speciality Hospitals allowed to start M.Sc. (N) programme without having under graduate programme.
- ix. Distance between two nursing educational institutions rationalized from 10 km to 5km in Hilly areas.
