

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1594
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH FEBRUARY, 2023**

SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS

**1594. DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAISHIYAL:
DR. ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:**

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

- (a) whether there is shortage of Doctors despite increase in MBBS seats in the country;
- (b) if so, the steps taken/likely to be taken by the Government to maintain doctors-seats ratio;
- (c) the number of medical colleges sanctioned for setting up with financial assistance from the Government during the last five years;
- (d) the number of such medical colleges operational as on date, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the number of post-graduate medical seats increased during the last five years?

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

(a) to (e): As per information provided by National Medical Commission (NMC), there are 13,08,009 allopathic doctors registered with the State Medical Councils and the National Medical Commission (NMC) as on June, 2022. Assuming 80% availability of registered allopathic doctors and 5.65 lakh AYUSH doctors, the doctor-population ratio in the country is 1:834.

The Government has increased number of medical colleges and subsequently increased MBBS seats. There is an increase of 69% in Medical Colleges from 387 before 2014 to 655 as of now. Further, there is an increase of 95% in MBBS seats from 51348 before 2014 to 100163 as of now and increase of 110% in PG seats from 31185 before 2014 to 65335 as of now.

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare administers a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for 'Establishment of new Medical Colleges attached with existing district/ referral hospitals' with preference to underserved areas and aspirational districts, where there is no existing Government or private medical college. Under the scheme, a total of 157 medical

colleges have been sanctioned in three phases with fund sharing between the Centre and State Governments in the ratio of 90:10 for North eastern and Special Category states and 60:40 for others, out of which 104 Medical Colleges have been approved in the last five years (2017-2022) and 46 Medical Colleges have become operational. The State/UT-wise details of operational medical colleges under the Scheme during the last five years (2017-2022) is as under:-

Sl. No.	Name of State/ UT	Number of operational medical colleges under Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS)
1.	Chhattisgarh	03
2.	Gujarat	05
3.	Jammu and Kashmir	01
4.	Karnataka	04
5.	Madhya Pradesh	01
6.	Maharashtra	01
7.	Manipur	01
8.	Punjab	01
9.	Rajasthan	04
10.	Tamil Nadu	11
11.	Uttar Pradesh	08
12.	West Bengal	06

The Ministry also provides financial support to existing government medical colleges for Civil Works and procurement of equipment & furniture under Centrally Sponsored Schemes for upgradation of existing State Government/ Central Government Medical Colleges for increasing MBBS (UG) seats and PG seats. In these schemes fund sharing between the Centre and State Governments is in the ratio of 90:10 for North eastern and Special Category states and 60:40 for others. Under these schemes, support has been provided for increase of 4677 MBBS seats in 77 colleges with an approved cost of Rs. 5612.25 Cr, 4058 PG seats in Phase-I in 72 colleges with an approved cost of Rs. 1498.43 Cr and 3858 PG seats in Phase-II in 60 colleges with an approved cost of Rs. 4343.66 Cr.

The measures/steps taken by the Government to increase doctor-patient ratio in the Country include:-

- i. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for establishment of new medical college by upgrading district/ referral hospital under which 94 new medical colleges are already functional out of 157 approved.
- ii. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/Central Government Medical Colleges to increase MBBS and PG seats.

- iii. Under “Upgradation of Government Medical Colleges by construction of Super Specialty Blocks” of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) scheme, a total of 75 projects have been approved, of which 60 projects are complete.
- iv. Under the Central Sector Scheme for setting up of new AIIMS, 22 AIIMS have been approved. Undergraduate courses have started in 19 of these.
- v. Relaxation in the norms for setting up of Medical College in terms of requirement for faculty, staff, bed strength and other infrastructure.
- vi. DNB qualification has been recognized for appointment as faculty to take care of shortage of faculty.
- vii. Enhancement of age limit for appointment/ extension/ re-employment against posts of teachers/Dean/Principal/ Director in medical colleges upto 70 years.

The number of post-graduate medical seats increased during the last five years is as under:-

Academic Year	Increase in PG seats (including DNB and CPS seats)
2018-19	2924
2019-20	4620
2020-21	8368
2021-22	4707
2022-23	3857
