

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †4040
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th March, 2023**

VACANT SEATS IN MEDICAL COLLEGES

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

- (a) the number of seats under various courses available in Government as well as private medical colleges/institutes in the country as on date;
- (b) the number of applications received for admission under various courses available in the said medical colleges/institutes as on date;
- (c) whether all the applicants have got admission in the said medical colleges/institutes and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of seats lying vacant under various courses available in the Government as well as private medical colleges/institutes, the college/ institute-wise and course-wise details of the said vacant seats separately; and
- (e) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps for filling the said vacant seats in the said medical colleges/institutes and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): The Government has increased the number of medical colleges as subsequently increased MBBS seats. There is an increase of 71% in Medical Colleges from 387 before 2014 to 660 as of now. Further, there is an increase of 97% in MBBS seats from 51,348 before 2014 to 101,043 as of now. There is also an increase of 110% in Post Graduate (PG) seats from 31,185 before 2014 to 65,335 as of now, including Diplomate of National Board (DNB)/ Fellowship of National Board (FNB) PG seats and PG seats in College of Physicians and Surgeons (CPS).

As per information received from National Medical Commission (NMC) and National Testing Agency (NTA), the details of available MBBS seats alongwith the details of total registered applicants and vacant MBBS seats for academic year 2021-22 and 2022-23 are as under:-

Academic Year	Available MBBS seats	Number of Students registered for NEET-UG	Vacant MBBS seats
2021-22	92,065	16,14,777	197
2022-23	96,077	18,72,343	292*

*As on date

Further, as per information received from National Medical Commission (NMC) and National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS), the details of available PG seats alongwith the details of total registered applicants and vacant PG seats for academic year 2021-22 and 2022-23 are as under:-

Academic Year	Available PG seats	Number of Students registered for NEET-PG	Vacant PG seats
2021-22	60,202	1,75,415	3744
2022-23	64,059	2,06,541	4400*

*As on date

In order to minimize the number of vacant seats in medical colleges/ institutes following steps have been taken:

- i. The cut-off percentiles was reduced to 25 percentile, 20 percentile and 15 percentile for General, Physically Disabled and SC/ST/OBC candidates for admission on the basis of NEET PG 2022.
- ii. An extra stray round counseling has been conducted to fill the vacant PG seats.
