

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 460
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD FEBRUARY, 2023**

QUALITY EDUCATION IN MEDICINE

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

- (a) the number of new medical colleges sanctioned by the Government in the Andhra Pradesh since 2021;
- (b) whether the Government is aware about the drain of wealth and knowledge taking place due to students pursuing medical degree abroad on account of non-availability of the institutions for providing good quality of higher education in the medical sector;
- (c) if so, the details of the schemes or programmes introduced by the Government to tackle such issue;
- (d) whether any scheme or programme has been formulated to provide good quality and affordable higher education in medicine; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
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(a) to (e): 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, the envisaged 157 new medical colleges have been approved in three phases including three medical colleges in Andhra

Pradesh at Piduguralla, Paderu and Machilipatnam in the year 2020. Further, financial support has also been provided to the State of Andhra Pradesh for increase of 150 MBBS seats in 03 Medical Colleges and 1040 PG seats in 11 Medical Colleges under CSSs for upgradation of existing State Government/ Central Government Medical Colleges for increasing MBBS (UG) seats and PG seats.

In addition, support has also been provided to the State of Andhra Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) for upgradation of 03 Government Medical Colleges by setting up of Super Specialty blocks. Further, an All India Institute of Medical Sciences has also been established at Mangalagiri.

There is an increase of 69% in Medical Colleges from 387 before 2014 to 654 as of now. Further, there is an increase of 94% in MBBS seats from 51,348 before 2014 to 99,763 as of now and increase of 107% in PG seats from 31,185 before 2014 to 64,559 as of now. Some of the measures/steps taken by the Government to augment the medical education facilities and to improve the medical standards in the country include: -

- i. Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for establishment of new medical college by upgrading district/ referral hospital under which 157 new medical colleges have been approved, out of which 94 are already functional.
- ii. CSS for strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/ Central Government Medical Colleges to increase the number of MBBS (UG) 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 teaching 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.
