

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5029
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31st MARCH, 2023**

RESEARCH IN GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGES

5029: SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH:

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

(a) whether the Government has proposed to sanction and release funds for strengthening research in Government Medical Colleges and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware about the fact that absence of Government Medical Colleges at district level affects the education of medical aspirants as well as the health of the people;

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to address the problems of inadequacy of medical facilities in such various districts in the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) whether the Government has proposed to sanction and release funds for MDRU Projects in Raj-MES Medical Colleges in Bharatpur, Bhilwara, Churu, Dungarpur and Pali districts of Rajasthan for strengthening research and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) With a view to strengthen medical research in Government Medical Colleges, Government has introduced a Central Sector Scheme, namely "Establishing Multi Disciplinary Research Units (MRUs) in Government Medical Colleges and Research Institutes". Year-wise details of funds released since the inception of the scheme of establishing MRUs are as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Expenditure under MRU Scheme
2013-14	36.25
2014-15	31.00
2015-16	25.20
2016-17	24.25
2017-18	45.00
2018-19	36.01
2019-20	55.00
2020-21	52.80
2021-22	39.61
2022-23 (up-to 28.03.2023)	44.53

(b) & (c)

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 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. Under the Scheme, 157 Medical colleges have been approved in three phases including 27 medical colleges in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Further, financial support has also been provided to the State of Uttar Pradesh for increase of 432 MBBS seats in 07 Medical Colleges and 556 PG seats in 12 Medical Colleges under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for upgradation of existing State Government/Central Government Medical Colleges.

The Government has increased number of medical colleges and 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 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). 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 colleges by upgrading district/ referral hospital under which 157 new medical colleges have been approved, out of which 97 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.

(d) In Rajasthan, Multi Disciplinary Research Units (MRUs) have already been sanctioned in the following Medical Colleges:

- 1) Dr Sampurnanand Medical College, Jodhpur
- 2) Government Medical College, Kota
- 3) Sardar Patel Medical College, Bikaner
- 4) Jawahar Lal Nehru Medical College, Ajmer
- 5) Sawai Man Singh Medical College, Jaipur
- 6) Ravindra Nath Tagore Medical College, Udaipur
- 7) Rajasthan University of Health Sciences, Jaipur
- 8) Government Medical College, Dungarpur
- 9) Government Medical College, Jhalawar
- 10) Government Medical College, Pali

In respect of the Medical Colleges at Bharatpur, Churu and Bhilwara, complete applications for establishing the MRU have not been received.
