

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 5060
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST MARCH, 2023**

HEALTH FACILITIES IN MEDICAL COLLEGES

†5060. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to fill large number of vacant posts in medical colleges in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise particularly in Bihar; and
- (c) the details of steps proposed to be taken to resolve the problem of shortage of equipments and infrastructure in medical colleges in the country including Bihar?

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

(a) to (c): 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).

As informed by the National Medical Commission (NMC), the following steps have been undertaken to help filling up of various vacancies in medical colleges in the Country including Bihar:

- (i) The qualification awarded by the Diplomate of National Board (DNB) through National Board of Examinations (NBE) has been recognized for appointment as faculty to take care of shortage of faculty.
- (ii) Enhancement of age limit for appointment/ extension/ re-employment against posts of teachers/ Dean/ Principal/ Director in medical colleges upto 70 years.
- (iii) Relaxation in the norms for setting up of Medical College in terms of requirement for faculty, staff, bed strength and other infrastructure.
- (iv) The ratio of teachers to students has been rationalized to increase the number of postgraduate medical seats in the country.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/ Central Government Medical Colleges to increase PG seats, support has been provided for increase of 4058 PG seats in Phase-I in 72 colleges with an approved cost of 1498.43 cr and 3858 PG seats in phase-II in 60 colleges with an approved cost of Rs.4343.66 Cr. The financial support has also been provided to the State of Bihar for increase of 314 PG seats in 07 Medical Colleges at a total approved cost of Rs. 212.42 Crore under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS).

Under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) scheme, support has been provided to Government of Bihar for upgradation of 06 Government Medical Colleges by setting up of Super Specialty blocks and also 02 AIIMS at Patna and Darbhanga have been approved.

Further, 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 out of which 97 have become functional. Under the Scheme, all the envisaged 157 Medical colleges have already been approved in three phases, including 08 Medical Colleges in the State of Bihar.

Further, the NMC through Medical Assessment & Rating Board (MARB) carries out inspections of medical institutions before giving any permission for starting/ renewal/ increase of medical seats in the colleges on parameters including faculties/ equipments and infrastructure.
