

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1511  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2023**

**SEATS IN PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGES**

**1511. SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:**

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

- (a) the number of Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate (PG) seats in private and Government medical colleges in the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to increase the number of seats in Government medical colleges;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any steps to improve the quality of education in the medical colleges; 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  
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (e): As informed by National Medical Commission (NMC), the details of Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate (PG) seats in private and Government medical colleges in the last three years are as below:

Year	Government Medical Colleges		Private Medical Colleges	
	UG seats	PG seats	UG seats	PG seats
2020-21	43435	26711	39840	16009
2021-22	48212	28260	43915	17858
2022-23	51912	30211	44365	19362

Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/ Central Government Medical Colleges to increase the number of MBBS (UG) and PG seats, under which 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 1498.43 Cr and 3957 PG seats in phase -II in 62 colleges with an approved cost of Rs. 4461.44 Cr.

Some of the measures/ steps taken by the Government to improve the quality of education in the medical colleges:

- i. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for establishment of new medical college by upgrading district/ referral hospital under which 157 new medical colleges have been approved, out of which 107 are 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 62 projects are complete.
- iv. Under the PMSSY 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.

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