

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †380
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST JULY, 2023**

FILLING UP VACANCIES IN MEDICAL COLLEGES

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

- (a) whether any steps have been taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to fill up the vacant posts in large number of medical colleges across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise particularly in Chhattisgarh;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to resolve the problem of shortage of equipments, lack of infrastructure and basic facilities in the medical colleges of the country including Chhattisgarh?

ANSWER

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

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

- 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. The ratio of teachers to students has been rationalized to increase the number of postgraduate medical seats in the country.
- iv. By amending the regulations, it has been made mandatory for all medical colleges to start PG courses within 3 years from the date of their MBBS recognition/ continuation of recognition.

The Ministry of Health and 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 Center and State Governments in the Ratio of 90:10 for North Eastern special category states and 60:40 for others. Under the scheme, 157 medical colleges have been approved in the three phases, including 05 medical colleges in Chhattisgarh.

Under 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. Under this scheme support has been provided to the state of Chhattisgarh for increase of 150 MBBS seats in 03 colleges at an approved cost of Rs. 180 Cr and increase of 79 PG seats in 01 college at an approved cost of Rs. 32.73 Cr.

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 including 02 Government Medical Colleges at Bilaspur and Jagdalpur in Chhattisgarh. Further, establishment of 22 new AIIMS including AIIMS at Raipur, Chhattisgarh has also been approved.
