

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2245
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15th December, 2023**

SHORTAGE OF RADIOLOGISTS

2245. SHRI HAJI FAZLUR REHMAN:

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

- (a) whether there is acute shortage of Radiologists in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the necessary steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
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(a) to (c): As informed by the National Medical Commission (NMC), there is an annual intake of 2262 seats of Doctor of Medicine (MD) in Radio-diagnosis in 300 medical colleges and 46 seats of Diploma in Radio-diagnosis in 21 medical colleges of the country.

The Government has taken various steps to further increase the availability of doctors in the country which include:-

- (i) Centrally Sponsored Scheme for establishment of new medical college by upgrading district/ referral hospital under which 108 new medical colleges are already functional out of 157 approved.
- (ii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme for strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/Central Government Medical Colleges to increase MBBS 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 64 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 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.
