

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2297  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15/12/2023**

**MEDICAL COLLEGES IN WEST BENGAL**

**2297. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of West Bengal for setting up of new medical colleges in the State including one such at South Dinajpur district under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether these such new autonomous medical colleges are recognized by the National Medical Council, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether admission process has been started in these medical colleges and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has identified some districts in the State without any Government/private medical college and proposes to develop medical colleges on PPP model there, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e) Under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) setting up of new All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and Up-gradation of existing Government Medical Colleges/ Institutions (GMCIs) is taken up. Under the scheme, in West Bengal, an AIIMS has been established in Kalyani. Further, up-gradation of 4 Medical Colleges, viz (1) Kolkata Medical College (2) BS Medical College, Bankura (3) Govt. Medical College, Malda and (4) North Bengal Medical College, Siliguri, Darjeeling, has been taken up on cost sharing basis, in the ratio of 60:40 between Centre and State.

Further, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of '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, setting up of 11 medical colleges has been approved in State of West Bengal at (1) Birbhum (Rampur Hat), (2) Cooch Behar, (3) Diamond Harbour, (4) Purulia, (5) North Dinajpur, (6) Barasat, (7) Uluberia, (8) Arambagh, (9) Jhargram, (10) Tamluk and (11) Jalpaiguri on cost sharing basis in the ratio of 60:40 between the Centre and State. All the 11 approved Medical Colleges are functional. As per the scheme guidelines, planning, execution and commissioning of the projects is to be done by the State Government.

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