

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 65
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2nd February, 2024**

MBBS SEATS

65. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

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

- (a) whether it is true that due to lack of seats in the country, MBBS aspirants are depending upon foreign medical colleges;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up new medical colleges in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

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

(a) to (d): The government has increased number of medical colleges and subsequently increased MBBS seats. There is an increase of 82% in Medical Colleges from 387 before 2014 to 706 as of now. Further, there is an increase of 112% in MBBS seats from 51,348 before 2014 to 1,08,940 as of now and increase of 127% in PG seats from 31,185 before 2014 to 70,645 as of now.

The measures/steps taken by the Government to increase the doctor/medical professional in the country 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.

Annexure

State-wise details of 157 Medical Colleges approved under the Centrally Sponsored scheme for 'Establishment of new medical colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals'

S.No	State/UT	No. of colleges	Districts
Phase-I (58)			
1	A& N Islands	1	Port Blair
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1	Naharlagun
3	Assam	4	Dhubri, Nagaon, North Lakhimpur, Diphu
4	Bihar	3	Purnia Saran (Chhapara) Samastipur
5	Chhattisgarh	2	Rajnandgaon, Sarguja
6	Himachal Pradesh	3	Chamba, Hamirpur, Nahan (Sirmour)
7	Haryana	1	Bhiwani
8	Jharkhand	3	Dumka Hazaribagh Palamu (Daltonganj)
9	Jammu & Kashmir	5	Anantnag, Baramulla, Rajouri, Doda, Kathua
10	Madhya Pradesh	7	Datia, Khandwa, Ratlam, Shahdol, Vidisha, Chindwara, Shivpuri
11	Maharashtra	1	Gondia
12	Meghalaya	1	West Garo Hills (Tura)
13	Mizoram	1	Falkawn
14	Nagaland	1	Naga Hospital (Kohima)
15	Odisha	5	Balasore, Baripada (Mayurbhanj), Bolangir, Koraput, Puri
16	Punjab	1	SAS Nagar
17	Rajasthan	7	Barmer, Bharatpur, Bhilwara, Churu, Dungarpur, Pali, Sikar
18	Uttar Pradesh	5	Basti, Faizabad, Firozabad, Shahjahanpur, Bahraich
19	Uttarakhand	1	Almora
20	West Bengal	5	Birbhum (Rampur Hat), Cooch behar, Diamond harbour, Purulia Raiganj (North Dinajpur)
Phase -II (24)			
1	Bihar	5	Sitamarhi, Jhanjharpur, Siwan, Buxar, Jamui
2	Jharkhand	2	Koderma, Chaibasa (Singhbhum)
3	Madhya Pradesh	1	Satna
4	Odisha	1	Jajpur
5	Rajasthan	1	Dholpur
6	Uttar Pradesh	8	Etah, Hardoi, Pratapgarh, Fatehpur, Siddharthnagar(Domariyaganj) Deoria Ghazipur Mirzapur
7	West Bengal	5	Barasat, Uluberia, Arambagh, Jhargram, Tamluk
8	Sikkim	1	Gangtok
Phase-III (75)			
1	Andhra Pradesh	3	Piduguralla, Paderu, Machilipatnam
2	Assam	1	Kokrajhar
3	Chhattisgarh	3	Korba, Mahasamund, Kanker
4	Gujarat	5	Narmada Navsari Panchmahal Porbandar Morbi

5	Jammu & Kashmir	2	Udhampur, Handwara (Distt. Kupwara)
6	Karnataka	4	Chikkamagaluru, Haveri, Yadgiri, Chikkaballapura
7	Ladakh	1	Leh
8	Madhya Pradesh	6	Rajgarh, Mandla, Neemuch, Mandsaur, Sheopur, Singrauli
9	Maharashtra	1	Nandurbar
10	Manipur	1	Churachandpur
11	Nagaland	1	Mon
12	Odisha	1	Kalahandi
13	Punjab	2	Kapurthala Hoshiarpur
14	Rajasthan	15	Alwar, Baran, Bansawara, Chittorgarh, Jaisalmer, Karauli, Nagaur, Shri Ganganagar, Sirohi, Bundi, SawaiMadhopur, Tonk Hanumangarh Jhunjhunu Dausa
15	Uttarakhand	3	Rudrapur (Distt. Udham Singh Nagar), Pithoragarh, Haridwar
16	Uttar Pradesh	14	Bijnaur, Kushinagar, Sultanpur, Gonda, Lalitpur, LakhimpurKheri, Chandauli, Bulandshahar, Sonbhadra, Pilibhit, Auraiya, Kanpur Dehat, Kaushambi, Amethi
17	Tamil Nadu	11	Tiruppur, Nilgiris, Ramanathapuram, Namakkal, Dindigul, Virudhunagar, Krishnagiri, Tiruvallur, Nagapattinam, Ariyalur, Kallakurichi
18	West Bengal	1	Jalpaiguri