

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4358  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2019**

**SHORTAGE OF NURSES AND MIDWIVES**

**4358. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:  
SHRI RAHUL GANDHI:  
DR. HEENA GAVIT:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:  
SHRI SOYAM BAPU RAO:  
SHRI SELVAM G.:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the shortage of trained nurses and midwives in rural and backward areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the present nurse-patient ratio in the country;
- (c) whether the Government has taken note of the importance of midwives in the villages;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has taken steps to provide quality training and working conditions for midwives;
- (e) whether the Government has also taken note of the poor working conditions of the nurses in the Government and private hospitals in rural and backward areas of the country, if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard;
- (f) the total number of diploma/degree schools and colleges with seats imparting nursing education in the country, State/UTwise and the steps taken/proposed by the Government to open new nursing educational institutions in the country, location and State/UT-wise; and
- (g) whether the Government has received a number of proposals from the States/UTs for setting up/upgradation of nursing institutions and if so, the details of proposals cleared and pending thereof and the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b) As per Indian Nursing Council (INC) records, there are around 8,85,383 Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANM), 21,29,820 Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives (RN&RM) and 56,644 Lady Health Visitors (LHV) in the Country. There are around 8500 Nursing Institutions in the country producing about 3 lakh nursing personnel annually. The Nurse patient ratio in the Country at present is 1.7 nurses per 1000 population. However, the nurse- patient ratio varies from State to State, District to District and Institution to Institution. The problem is more of skewed distribution, with dense concentration of work force in some areas and lesser concentration in other areas causing challenges in delivery of services in certain areas.

(c) As per the Lancet Series on Midwifery (2014), safe and effective midwifery care can avert 83% of all maternal deaths, stillbirths and newborn deaths. Government of India has rolled out “Midwifery Services Initiative” in the country to improve the quality of care and ensure respectful care to pregnant women and newborns.

(d) Nurse Practitioners in Midwifery course has been launched to provide skill in accordance to competencies prescribed by the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM), knowledgeable and capable of providing compassionate women-centred, reproductive, maternal and newborn health care services.

(e) Hon'ble Supreme Court vide judgement dated 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 in Writ Petition(C) No. 527/2011 directed Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to look into the grievances of nurses working in private hospitals/institutions by forming a Committee. Accordingly, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare constituted a Committee in February, 2016. The recommendations of the Committee were forwarded to all States/UTs on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 for making legislation/ guidelines in this regard. However, Health being a state subject, it is for the concerned State Governments to make legislation / guidelines for the purpose.

(f) The State-wise details of the total number of diploma/degree schools and colleges with seats imparting nursing education in the country is at **Annexure-I**. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Strengthening/upgradation of Nursing Services ANM /GNM, the Government has already approved setting up 112 ANM and 136 GNM Schools in the Country. The details are at **Annexure-II**.

(g) Proposals received from the State Governments are examined as per the criteria laid down under the Scheme for upgradation/ strengthening of Schools of Nursing to College of Nursing and subject to availability of funds. As of now, 2 schools in Gujarat, 3 in Jharkhand, 1 each in Himachal Pradesh, Manipur and Uttar Pradesh, 5 in Rajasthan and 2 each in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal have been approved by the Government of India.

	State-wise distribution of Nursing Institutions and the Admission Capacity as on 31st October, 2019																	
	ANM					GNM						B. Sc (N)						
	Institution	Seats		Total		Institution	Seats		Total		Institution	Seats		Total				
State	Govt.	Pvt.	Govt.	Pvt.	Instt.	Seats	Govt.	Pvt.	Govt.	Pvt.	Instt.	Seats	Govt.	Pvt.	Govt.	Pvt.	Instt.	Seats
Andaman & Nicobar	1	0	20	0	1	20	1	0	20	0	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andhra Pradesh	4	28	140	810	32	950	9	146	460	6310	155	6770	9	135	505	7110	144	7615
Arunachal Pradesh	4	3	80	90	7	170	4	3	110	100	7	210	0	1	0	40	1	40
Assam	12	23	338	605	35	943	22	32	1104	1060	54	2164	4	13	230	520	17	750
Bihar	20	88	525	2965	108	3490	7	17	371	725	24	1096	2	8	110	360	10	470
Chandigarh	1	0	20	0	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	120	0	2	120
Chattisgarh	5	0	210	0	5	210	14	67	480	2325	81	2805	9	86	470	3940	95	4410
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	60	0	1	60
Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	50	0	1	50
Delhi	2	8	80	240	10	320	2	16	45	650	18	695	7	7	335	330	14	665
Goa	1	1	40	60	2	100	1	0	50	0	1	50	1	2	100	80	3	180
Gujarat	28	103	860	3020	131	3880	24	124	970	5295	148	6265	8	90	400	4064	98	4464
Haryana	7	78	190	2480	85	2670	3	78	60	3230	81	3290	2	35	105	1610	37	1715
Himachal Pradesh	2	8	70	250	10	320	7	32	220	1180	39	1400	1	29	60	1080	30	1140
Jammu & Kashmir	0	14	0	465	14	465	0	16	0	635	16	635	5	11	250	540	16	790
Jharkhand	9	56	290	1650	65	1940	6	23	210	875	29	1085	1	9	50	370	10	420
Karnataka	12	14	360	395	26	755	19	461	851	21396	480	22247	14	300	865	16385	314	17250
Kerala	8	10	205	300	18	505	17	159	475	4970	176	5445	9	123	585	6670	132	7255
Madhya Pradesh	19	71	635	2290	90	2925	20	372	1045	14095	392	15140	5	181	330	7895	186	8225
Maharashtra	31	514	730	11265	545	11995	37	227	1219	6385	264	7604	6	99	300	4385	105	4685
Manipur	2	5	70	130	7	200	1	15	30	480	16	510	1	6	40	220	7	260
Meghalaya	1	2	20	45	3	65	2	6	80	175	8	255	1	1	50	40	2	90
Mizoram	3	1	90	30	4	120	3	3	60	100	6	160	2	1	65	30	3	95
Nagaland	1	1	30	30	2	60	3	2	100	60	5	160	0	1	0	40	1	40
Orissa	20	109	760	3160	129	3920	10	68	630	2385	78	3015	3	30	150	1380	33	1530
Pondicherry	1	6	30	150	7	180	2	7	60	270	9	330	2	13	175	860	15	1035
Punjab	8	162	290	5365	170	5655	9	205	430	9803	214	10233	5	103	260	5040	108	5300
Rajasthan	19	8	520	230	27	750	11	157	640	7445	168	8085	11	139	790	6405	150	7195
Sikkim	1	0	20	0	1	20	1	1	20	20	2	40	0	3	0	170	3	170

	State-wise distribution of Nursing Institutions and the Admission Capacity as on 31st October, 2019																		
	ANM					GNM						B. Sc (N)							
	Institution		Seats			Total	Institution		Seats			Total	Institution		Seats			Total	
State	Govt.	Pvt.	Govt.	Pvt.	Instt.	Seats	Govt.	Pvt.	Govt	Pvt	Instt.	Seats	Govt.	Pvt.	Govt.	Pvt	Instt.	Seats	
Tamilnadu	13	32	700	920	45	1620	23	181	2050	5125	204	7175	5	176	250	10410	181	10660	
Telangana	3	14	60	435	17	495	6	84	300	3752	90	4052	5	79	280	4410	84	4690	
Tripura	3	2	125	90	5	215	2	4	100	150	6	250	0	4	0	180	4	180	
Uttar Pradesh	13	226	290	7940	239	8230	6	270	220	12150	276	12370	8	95	530	4120	103	4650	
Uttarakhand	7	14	170	425	21	595	4	28	160	1045	32	1205	7	16	360	760	23	1120	
West Bengal	14	14	595	550	28	1145	41	34	2280	1580	75	3860	10	15	470	960	25	1430	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>1615</b>	<b>8563</b>	<b>46385</b>	<b>1890</b>	<b>54948</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>2838</b>	<b>14850</b>	<b>113771</b>	<b>3155</b>	<b>128621</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>1811</b>	<b>8345</b>	<b>90404</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>98749</b>	

State-wise distribution of Nursing Institutions and the Admission Capacity as on 31st October, 2019																											
M. Sc (N)							P B BSC(N)						NPCC						PBDDP						Total institutions	Total Seats	
Institution		Seats		Total			Institution		Seats		Total		Institution		Seats		Total		Institution		Seats		Total				
State	Govt.	Pvt.	Govt.	Pvt.	Instit.	Seats	Govt.	Pvt.	Govt.	Pvt.	Instit.	Seats	Govt.	Pvt.	Govt.	Pvt.	Instit.	Seats	Govt.	Pvt.	Govt.	Pvt.	Instit.	Seats			
Andaman & Nicobar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	40	
Andhra Pradesh	1	35	30	696	36	726	1	32	30	935	33	965	0	1	0	10	1	10	3	10	45	105	13	150	414	17186	
Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	420	
Assam	3	4	57	64	7	121	0	4	0	115	4	115	0	1	0	10	1	10	1	1	30	10	2	40	120	4143	
Bihar	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	40	30	2	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	40	3	40	147	5166	
Chandigarh	1	0	20	0	1	20	1	0	40	0	1	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	15	0	1	15	6	215	
Chattisgarh	4	17	105	319	21	424	1	18	20	545	19	565	0	1	0	10	1	10	2	1	40	10	3	50	225	8474	
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	0	20	0	1	20	1	0	20	0	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	100
Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	50
Delhi	3	4	45	78	7	123	1	3	20	80	4	100	0	3	0	40	3	40	7	3	140	40	10	180	66	2123	
Goa	1	0	25	0	1	25	1	0	10	0	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	40	2	40	10	405	
Gujarat	3	17	45	339	20	384	1	19	30	490	20	520	1	2	10	20	3	30	5	1	95	10	6	105	426	15648	
Haryana	1	9	30	187	10	217	1	28	30	815	29	845	0	4	0	55	4	55	0	5	0	55	5	55	251	8847	
Himachal Pradesh	1	6	25	136	7	161	1	13	30	315	14	345	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	3366
Jammu & Kashmir	0	4	0	78	4	78	0	3	0	110	3	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	2078
Jharkhand	0	1	0	17	1	17	1	4	30	90	5	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	21	0	2	21	112	3603	
Karnataka	5	146	62	3054	151	3116	5	172	180	6250	177	6430	1	8	10	130	9	140	12	29	155	370	41	525	1198	50463	
Kerala	7	52	140	997	59	1137	6	35	190	1120	41	1310	0	7	0	120	7	120	12	16	137	210	28	347	461	16119	
Madhya Pradesh	1	58	50	989	59	1039	2	71	50	2030	73	2080	0	2	0	20	2	20	0	7	0	75	7	75	809	29504	
Maharashtra	4	36	80	633	40	713	3	49	90	1385	52	1475	0	4	0	55	4	55	13	16	189	225	29	414	1039	26941	
Manipur	1	1	10	6	2	16	0	1	0	20	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	1006
Meghalaya	1	0	10	0	1	10	0	1	0	30	1	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	450
Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	375
Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	20	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	280
Orissa	2	10	37	230	12	267	1	9	40	255	10	295	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	20	25	3	45	265	9072	

State-wise distribution of Nursing Institutions and the Admission Capacity as on 31st October, 2019																										
M. Sc (N)							P B BSC(N)						NPCC						PBDP						Total institutions	Total Seats
Institution		Seats		Total			Institution		Seats		Total		Institution		Seats		Total		Institution		Seats		Total			
State	Govt.	Pvt.	Govt.	Pvt.	Instit.	Seats	Govt.	Pvt.	Govt.	Pvt.	Instit.	Seats	Govt.	Pvt.	Govt.	Pvt.	Instit.	Seats	Govt.	Pvt.	Govt.	Pvt.	Instit.	Seats		
Pondicherry	1	6	22	140	7	162	1	6	25	195	7	220	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	75	5	75	50	2002
Punjab	2	33	50	627	35	677	3	87	85	2770	90	2855	0	2	0	15	2	15	4	2	38	30	6	68	625	24803
Rajasthan	8	17	190	270	25	460	2	40	45	1060	42	1105	1	1	25	20	2	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	414	17640
Sikkim	0	1	0	25	1	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	255
Tamilnadu	2	77	65	1689	79	1754	2	63	90	2150	65	2240	0	8	0	105	8	105	1	24	10	360	25	370	607	23924
Telangana	1	22	30	433	23	463	0	16	0	460	16	460	0	4	0	80	4	80	1	8	15	95	9	110	243	10350
Tripura	0	2	0	22	2	22	0	1	0	20	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	687
Uttar Pradesh	1	16	50	359	17	409	2	33	80	940	35	1020	0	3	0	40	3	40	4	0	70	0	4	70	677	26789
Uttarakhand	2	6	43	106	8	149	1	6	30	180	7	210	0	2	0	25	2	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	3304
West Bengal	7	6	115	105	13	220	6	4	300	125	10	425	0	1	0	10	1	10	7	6	110	85	13	195	165	7285
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>1356</b>	<b>11599</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>12955</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>1505</b>	<b>22535</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>24040</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>1130</b>	<b>1860</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>2990</b>	<b>8692</b>	<b>323113</b>

## Annexure-II

### List of Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANM) and General Nurse Midwives (GNM) Schools already approved for setting up in various States

Sl.No.	State	ANM Schools (Districts)	GNM Schools (Districts)
1	Andhra Pradesh	Narsapuram	Tirupati
		Vijayawada	Eluru
		Kakinada	Ongole
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Lohit	U. Subansiri
		Tawang	East Siang (Pasighat)
		West Siang	Naharlagun (Papampure)
3	Assam	Baksa	Bongaigaon
		Udalguri	
		Chirang	
4	Bihar	Aurangabad	Banka
		Jamui	Buxsar
		Kaimur(Bhabua)	Jehanabad
		Khagaria	Saran
		Lakhisarai	Sheikhpura
		Nawada	Vaishaii
		Sheohar	Kishanganj
		Siwan	Purnia
		Supaul	Sasaram,Rohtas
		Darbhanga	Madhepura
		Arraria	West Champaran
		Arwal	Katihar
			Saharsa
5	Chhattisgarh	Bijapur	Dantewada
		Kawardha/ Kabirdham	JanjgirChampa
		Narayanpur	Kanker
		Bastar	Korba
		Bilatur	Korea
			Mahasamund
6	Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Anand
		Jamnagar	Bhavnagar
		Patan	Kheda
		Valsad	Porbandar
		Tapi	
7	Haryana	CharkhiDadri	Palwal
		Rewari	Mewat
			Kurukshetra
8	Himachal Pradesh	Kullu	Nahan
			Chamba
			Mandi
9	Jammu & Kashmir	Bandipura	Budgam
		Kargil	Ganderbal
		Kishtwar	Kulgam
		Ramban	Pulwama
		Bhadarwah	Reasi
		Anantanag	Samba
		Billawer	Shopian
		Thanamandi	Udhampur
		Surankote	Kathua
		Kokornag	Doda
	Rajouri		

10	Jharkhand	Chatra	Gumla
		Godda	Latehar
		Khunti	Seraikela
		Ramgarh	Hazaribagh
		Garhwa	Palamau
			Ranchi
			Jamtara
11	Madhya Pradesh	Anuppur	Mandasaur
		Alirajpur	Dewas
		Ashok Nagar	
		Burhanpur	
		Dindori	
		Harda	
		Neemuch	
		Rewa	
		Shazapur	
		Sheopur	
		Singrauli	
		Umaria	
12	Maharashtra	Gadchiroli	Gadchiroli
		Pusad/Yeotmal	Ratnagiri
		Ratnagiri	Washim
			Nandurbar
			Sindhudurg
			Bhandara
			Amravati
			Gondia
13	Manipur		Bishnupur
			Chandel
			Senapati
			Tamenglong
			Thoubal
			Ukhrul
14	Meghalaya		East Garo Hills
			Ribhoi
			South Garo Hills
			West Khasi Hills
15	Mizoram	Lawngtlai	Champhai
		Mamit	Kolasib
		Aizwal	Saiha
			Serchhip
16	Nagaland	Zunheboto	Mon
		Kohima	Phek
		Mokokchung	Tuensang
17	Odisha	Boudh	Nabarangapur
		Subarnapur	Kalahandi
		Gajapati	Sundergarh
		Rayagada	Khandhamal
		Malkangiri	Dhenkanal
			Keonjhar
			Mayurbhanj
			Koraput
			Balasore
18	Puducherry	Mahe	Karaikal
		Yanam	
19	Punjab		Rupnagar
			Bhatinda
			Gurdaspur
			Sangrur



			Patiala
20	Rajasthan	Pratapgarh	Baran
		Alwar	Bikaner
			Nagaur
			Jhunjhunu
			Chittorgarh
21	Sikkim	East Sikkim	
		West Sikkim	
22	Tamil Nadu	Theni (Veerapandi,PHC)	
		Namakkal (Manicampalayam PHC)	
		Sivaganga (Poovanthi,PHC)	
23	Telangana		Karimnagar
24	Tripura	West Tripura	
25	Uttar Pradesh	Auraiya	Ambedkar Nagar
		Balrampur	Budaun
		Bulandshahr	Farrukhabad
		Chandauli	Firozabad
		Mahamaya Nagar	Hardoi
		JyotibaPhule Nagar	Jalaun
		Kanpur Dehat	Kannauj
		Kanshiram	Mahoba
		Kaushambi	Siddharth Nagar
		Kushinagar	Unnao
		Lalitpur	Kheri
		Maharajganj	Mainpuri
		Saint Kabir Nagar	Faizabad
		Saint Ravidas Nagar	Rampur/Saharanpur
		Shravasti	Balia
		Sonbhadra	Gonda
		Amethi	Moradabad
		FatehpurSikri	Jhansi
		Sambhal	Barabanki
		Etah	Aligarh
		Mau	Rai Bareli
		Jaunpur	Etawah
		Sultanpur	Ghazipur
26	Uttarakhand	Bageshwar	Haridwar
		Champawat	Nanital
		Rudraprayag	Roorkee
		Uttarkashi	
27	West Bengal		Ghatal, PaschimMedinipur
			Barasat, 24 North Praganas
			Tamluk, PurbaMedinipur
			Jangipur, Murshidabad
			Jhargram, West Medinipore
			Uluberia, Howarah
			Sagar Dutta, Kolkata
			Basirhat , 24 North Praganas
		112	136