

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1992
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 30TH JULY, 2021**

“MEDICAL COLLEGES IN SC/ST DOMINATED AREAS”

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Will the Minister of Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state:

- a) the policy of the Government with regard to opening medical colleges;
- b) whether priority is given to the Scheduled Castes/Tribes dominated areas in opening of medical colleges; and
- c) the action likely to be taken by the Government in providing health facilities in Jhabua district of Lok Sabha constituency Ratlam having the maximum population of Scheduled Tribes and has poor health infrastructure?

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

(a) to (c) Health being a State subject, primary responsibility to ensure availability of public health facilities lies with the State Government. However, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare administers a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely ‘Establishment of new Medical Colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals’. As per the Scheme guidelines, such projects can be approved in districts where there is no prior Government or private medical college. Under this scheme, Government of India has approved establishment of 157 new medical colleges in three phases with preference to underserved areas / aspirational district of the country. Out of 157 sites, 40 are in aspirational districts.

Out of 157 sites, 14 medical colleges have been sanctioned in the State of Madhya Pradesh in three phases. Under Phase-III of the Scheme, all States/UTs were requested to submit proposals along with Detailed Project Report (DPR) for consideration by the Ministry. However, no proposal was received from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for establishment of new medical college in Jhabua district. Further, under Phase-III of the Scheme, all the approved 75 medical colleges have already been allocated.