

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

**LOK SABHA
UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 1055
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 03rd DECEMBER, 2021**

MEDICAL SEATS FOR POST GRADUATE COURSES

**1055: SHRI ARUN SAO:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SONI:
SHRI VIJAY BAGHE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has increased seats in post-graduate courses of medical colleges in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of medical colleges and students likely to be benefitted by this move of the Government;
- (c) whether the Government has decided to reduce teacher-student ratio in medical colleges;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to establish new medical colleges in light of the acute shortage of doctors in the country?

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

- (a) & (b) The Government has taken various steps over the last seven years to increase the number of PG seats in the country. The numbers of PG seats have increased by 78% from 31,185 seats before 2014 to 55,595 seats including DNB and CPS seats.
- (c) & (d) NMC has rationalized teachers and students ratio in all Government and Private medical Colleges with 15 year standing. The ratio of teachers to students for Professor has been revised from 1:1 to 1:2 for all MD/MS disciplines and from 1:1 to 1:3 in all clinical subjects. For Associate Professor, the said ratio has been revised from 1:1 to 1:2 and 1:3 if he/she is a unit head in all clinical subjects.

(e) The Government has taken various steps to establish the new medical colleges in the country, which include:-

- i. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for establishment of new medical college by upgrading district hospital in underserved districts of the country. Under this scheme 157 new Government Medical Colleges have been approved across the country in three phases of these 70 have been made functional.
- ii. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/ Central Government Medical colleges to increase MBBS and PG seats
- iii. Central Sector Scheme for upgradation of Government Medical Colleges by construction of Super Specialty Blocks. A total of 75 projects have been approved and 53 have been completed.
- iv. Under Central Sector Scheme for setting up of new AIIMS, 22 AIIMS have been approved. Undergraduate courses have started in 18 AIIMS.
- v. Relaxation in the norms for setting up of Medical College in terms of requirement for faculty, staff, bed strength and other infrastructure.
- vi. Enhancement of maximum intake capacity at MBBS level from 150 to 250.
- vii. Enhancement of age limit for appointment/ extension/ re-employment against posts of teachers/dean/principal/ director in medical colleges upto 70 years.
- viii. Provision has been made in the Regulations to offer less number of seats to the applicant medical college, in case, it falls short of minimum prescribed requirements of applied intake to avoid wastage of human resources.