

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.156
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH FEBRUARY, 2022
SEATS FOR PG MEDICAL COURSES**

***156. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:**

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

- (a) the number of seats for Post Graduate(PG) medical courses which remained vacant in the last academic year, speciality-wise;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that PG medical seats are not left vacant in the future;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to increase the number of medical seats for Post Graduate courses considering the shortage of specialized doctors;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(DR MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) & (b) As informed by National Medical Commission (NMC), a total of 1,425 Postgraduate seats remained vacant in the last academic year 2020-21 which includes 1365 broad-specialty seats and 60 diploma seats. Specialty wise details are at Annexure-I.

Further, as per the provisions of the Regulations on Graduate Medical Education and Post Graduate Medical Education, the Common Counseling for admission to Central Medical Educational Institutions, All India Quota seats in Government Medical Colleges and Deemed Universities is conducted by Medical Council Committee (MCC), Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. Similarly, for admission to the State Quota seats in Government Medical College and all the seats in private medical Colleges, the respective State Governments conduct common counseling and are responsible for filling up the seats. The following steps are taken to ensure that PG medical seats are not left vacant:-

- (i) Reduction in the benchmark percentile for admission in P. G. degree & diploma courses.
 - (ii) The counseling for all India quota PG (Broad Specialty) seats has been increased to four rounds from the year 2021.
- (c) to (e): The Government has taken following steps to further increase the availability of medical Post Graduate seats in the country: -
- i. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/Central Government Medical Colleges to increase PG seats.
 - ii. Central Sector Scheme for upgradation of Government Medical Colleges by construction of Super Specialty Blocks. A total of 75 projects have been approved and 55 have been completed.
 - iii. Under Central Sector Scheme for setting up of new AIIMS, 22 AIIMS have been approved. Undergraduate courses have started in 19 AIIMS.
 - iv. DNB qualification has been recognized for appointment as faculty to take care of shortage of faculty.
 - v. DNB diploma courses have been approved in 8 broad specialities.
 - vi. The ratio of teachers to students has been rationalized to increase the number of postgraduate medical seats in the country.
 - vii. By amending the regulations, it has been made mandatory for all medical colleges to start PG courses within 3 years from the date of their MBBS recognition /continuation of recognition.

Annexure -I

MD/ MS Courses (broad-specialty)		
S. No.	Name of Course	Total Vacant Seats in A.Y. 2020-21
1	MD - Social & Preventive Medicine / Community Medicine	173
2	MD - Pharmacology	172
3	MD - Physiology	167
4	MD - Microbiology	158
5	MD/MS - Anatomy	151
6	MD - Bio-Chemistry	147
7	MD - Forensic Medicine/Forensic Medicine & Toxicology	72
8	MD - Pathology	64
9	MD - Anaesthesiology	45
10	MS - General Surgery	39
11	MD - General Medicine	25
12	MD - Radio Diagnosis/Radiology	24
13	MS - Orthopaedics	23
14	MD/MS - Ophthalmology	19
15	MD - Psychiatry	14
16	MD - Dermatology , Venereology & Leprosy	12
17	MD/MS - Obstetrics & Gynaecology	12
18	MD - Paediatrics	10
19	MD - Aviation Medicine/Aerospace Medicine	7
20	MS - ENT	7
21	MD - Tuberculosis & Respiratory Diseases / Pulmonary Medicine	6
22	MD - Radiotherapy/ Radiation Oncology	5
23	MD - Immuno Haematology & Blood Transfusion	4
24	MD - Community Health Administration	2
25	MD - Hospital Administration	2
26	MD - Nuclear Medicine	2
27	MD - Family Medicine	1
28	MD - Palliative Medicine	1
29	MD - Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	1
Total MD/ MS Seats		1,365

Diploma Courses		
S.No.	Name of Course	Total Vacant Seats in A.Y. 2020-21
1	Diploma in Health Education	20
2	Diploma in Obstetrics & Gynaecology	9
3	Diploma in Ophthalmology	6
4	Diploma in Clinical Pathology	5
5	Diploma in Psychological Medicine	5
6	Diploma in Health Administration	3
7	Diploma in Radio-Diagnosis	3
8	Diploma in Anaesthesia	2
9	Diploma in Public Health	2
10	Diploma in Sports Medicine	2
11	Diploma in Oto-Rhino-Laryngology	1
12	Diploma in Dermatology	1
13	Diploma in Orthopaedics	1
Total Diploma Seats		60