

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3008
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9th AUGUST, 2024**

NURSING COLLEGES

3008: SHRI Y S AVINASH REDDY

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

- (a) whether there are no nursing colleges in 40 per cent of districts across the country and around 42% of nursing institutions are clustered in five southern States, while three western States have around 17% and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has attempted to balance the regional disparity with a scheme to allocate 157 new nursing colleges in medical colleges by April 2025, along with providing short term training for nurses; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH
AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (c) As informed by Indian Nursing Council, there are 5150 nursing institutes in the country including 781 Government institutes. The distribution of nursing colleges/institutes is attributed to various geographical and socio economic factors influencing the availability and accessibility of nursing education in different regions of the country.

Establishment of 157 nursing colleges has been announced in the budget speech 2023-24 in medical colleges which have been approved under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for “Establishment of new Medical College attached with existing district/referral hospital”.

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare administers a Central Sector Scheme of “Development of Nursing services” . Under this scheme, a financial assistance of Rs. 2,28,500/- per course for a duration of 7 days for 30 participants is provided.
