

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 811
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26th JULY, 2024**

VACANCIES IN JLN MCH

811. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL;

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to fill large number of vacancies in the Medical Colleges and Hospitals in the country, especially in Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College and Hospital and Super Specialty (JLN MCH) Hospital Bhagalpur in Bihar; and
- (b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to tackle the shortage of equipment and infrastructure facilities in these medical colleges?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (b): As informed by State Government of Bihar, a total of 118 Assistant Professors have been appointed in the super specialty departments in Medical colleges, including 14 at Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College and Hospital (JLN MCH), Bhagalpur, Bihar.

Further, the following steps have been undertaken to help filling up of vacancies in medical colleges in the Country:

- i. The qualification awarded by the Diplomate of National Board (DNB) through National Board of Examinations (NBE) has been recognized for appointment as faculty to take care of shortage of faculty.
- ii. Enhancement of age limit for appointment/ extension/ re-employment against posts of teachers/ Dean/ Principal/ Director in medical colleges upto 70 years.
- iii. The ratio of teachers to students has been rationalized to increase the number of postgraduate medical seats in the country.

- iv. 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.
- v. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/Central Government Medical Colleges to increase PG seats.

Also, the National Medical Commission through Medical Assessment & Rating Board (MARB) carries out inspections of medical institutions before giving any permission for starting/ renewal/ increase of medical seats in the colleges on parameters including faculties/ equipment and infrastructure.
