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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †919 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26th JULY, 2024

MEDICAL COLLEGE IN CHAMBA

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

- (a) the detailed status of the medical college being built in Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh at present;
- (b) the amount of work completed so far and the amount of work yet to be completed in this regard;
- (c) the date by which the remaining work is likely to be completed; and
- (d) the details of the amount of funds sanctioned so far and the amount of funds likely to be provided in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare administers a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for 'Establishment of new medical colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals' with preference to underserved areas and aspirational districts, where there is no existing Government or private medical college. The fund sharing mechanism between the Centre and State Governments is in the ratio of 90:10 for North Eastern and Special Category States, and 60:40 for others. Under the Scheme, all the envisaged 157 medical colleges have been approved in three phases, including 03 medical colleges in Himachal Pradesh at Chamba, Hamirpur and Nahan. All the three medical colleges are functional. Also, as per guidelines of the Scheme, the planning, execution and commissioning of the medical colleges approved under the scheme is to be done by the State Government.

Government Medical College(GMC), Chamba was approved under Phase-I of the Scheme in the year 2015 at a cost of Rs.189 crores to be shared between Centre and State Government in the ratio of 90:10. Entire Central Share of Rs.170.10 crore has been released to Himachal Pradesh. The college became functional with intake capacity of 100 MBBS seats in 2017. Further, financial support has also been provided to GMC, Chamba for increase of 20 MBBS seats in EWS Quota under CSS for upgradation of existing State Government/Central Government Medical Colleges for increasing MBBS(UG) seats. Now, the intake capacity of college is 120 MBBS seats.
