

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2020  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

**TURA MEDICAL COLLEGE**

**2020. SHRI SALENG A SANGMA:**

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

- (a) the current status of the construction of Tura Medical College in Meghalaya, including expected timelines fixed for completion;
- (b) whether there is a proposal for construction of a 500-bedded hospital as part of this project and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of any specific challenges causing delays in the Tura Medical College project along with measures being taken by the Government to address them;
- (d) the total budget allocated for Tura Medical College and additional funds provisioned for the proposed 500-bedded hospital in the budget;
- (e) whether the Government has fixed any timeline for operationalizing both the medical college and the hospital to ensure access to quality healthcare for the region; and
- (f) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that the local population including indigenous communities to benefit from employment and training opportunities?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (f): 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 Phase-I of the Scheme, Tura Medical College at Doldegre, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya was approved in the year 2017 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.171.10 crores has been released to Government of Meghalaya. The project aimed to cater the needs of local population including indigenous communities.

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. As informed by Govt. of Meghalaya, geographical region, short working hours and climate conditions are amongst the prominent challenges causing delay in completion of project. The overall physical progress of project stands at 73%. Further, at present there is no plan under consideration for the construction of a 500-bedded hospital as a part of this project.

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