

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2041
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH DECEMBER, 2024**

PARAMEDICAL COLLEGE

2041. SHRI SUDHAKAR SINGH:

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

- (a) the number of paramedical colleges established in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether there is any provision for special assistance to States with poor health indicators to establish paramedical colleges and strengthen healthcare infrastructure in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the current and projected demand for paramedical staff across the country and if so, the key findings thereof; and
- (d) the measures being implemented to address the shortage of paramedical staff, particularly in underserved regions to ensure equitable healthcare delivery in the country?

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

(a) to (d): The data regarding the number of paramedical colleges in the country is not maintained by Government centrally. However, the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Profession has been constituted vide notification dated 11.03.2024 under the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP) Act, 2021 to regulate the education and services of the 57 allied and healthcare professionals; assessment and rating of all allied and healthcare institutions to ensure uniform standards and quality assurance; maintenance of live National and State Registers for registration of all allied and healthcare professionals. The Commission has launched a portal on 29.10.2024 for enrolment of the existing institutions imparting education related to the 57 professions listed in the Schedule of the Act. The Portals for enrolment of Allied and Healthcare Professionals and Allied and Healthcare Institutes/Colleges covered under the Schedule of the Act will create a centralized database of existing Allied and Healthcare Professionals and Allied and Healthcare Institute/College.
