

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4161
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2024**

INCREASE IN MEDICAL FACILITIES AND SEATS FOR STUDENTS

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

- (a) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to increase medical facilities and the number of medical seats for students in the country, especially in underserved areas like Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total number of district hospitals currently operational in the country, State/UT-wise, especially in Rajasthan;
- (c) the status of the district hospitals in the 112 aspirational districts across the country, particularly in terms of infrastructure, staffing and healthcare services provided in these hospitals;
- (d) the schemes or initiatives implemented by the Government to support and improve medical facilities in these aspirational districts of the country, district-wise especially in Baran district of Rajasthan to address healthcare challenges and enhance service delivery in the country; and
- (e) the manner in which the medical schemes of the Government including funding and capacity-building is impacting the quality of healthcare in district hospitals of Rajasthan and aspirational districts of the country?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY
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(a) to (e): The National Health Mission (NHM) provides support for improvement in health infrastructure, availability of adequate human resources in health facilities, to improve availability and accessibility to quality health care especially for the under served and marginalized groups in rural areas. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs to strengthen the public healthcare system, based on the proposals received in the form of Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) under NHM. Government of India provides approval for the proposals in the form of Record of Proceedings (RoPs) as per norms & available resources.

Details of district hospitals currently operational in the country, State/UT-wise, including in Rajasthan may be seen at the following link of Health Dynamics of India (Infrastructure &

Human Resources) 2022-23:

https://mohfw.gov.in/sites/default/files/Health%20Dynamics%20of%20India%20%28Infrastructure%20%26%20Human%20Resources%29%202022-23_RE%20%281%29.pdf

Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for establishment of new medical colleges by upgrading district/ referral hospital, 157 new medical colleges have been approved in the country, including 40 medical colleges in Aspirational Districts. Out of 157 medical colleges, 23 medical colleges have been approved in the State of Rajasthan, out of which 21 are functional as on date, adding about 2100 MBBS seats in the State.

Under CSS for strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/ Central Government medical colleges to increase the number of MBBS (UG), support has been provided for increase of 4977 MBBS seats in 83 colleges, including 750 MBBS seats in 11 medical colleges in the State of Rajasthan.

Further, under CSS for strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/ Central Government medical colleges for increasing PG seats and Starting new PG disciplines, a total of 8058 PG seats have been approved in two phases including 1467 PG seats in the State of Rajasthan.

The various initiatives carried out under NHM by the Government of India in various States including Rajasthan are operationalisation of Ayushman Arogya Mandir, National Ambulance Services, Mobile Medical Units, ASHAs, 24 x 7 Services and First Referral facilities, Prime Minister's National Dialysis Programme, Free Diagnostics Service Initiative and Free Drugs Service Initiative, various activities under Reproductive & Child Health, Anemia Mukht Bharat (AMB) strategy, Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan (PMTBMBA) and Universal Immunization programme.

As on 18.12.2024, there are 254 Ayushman Arogya Mandir(AAM) operationalized in the district of Baran, in Rajasthan.

As an impact of these Schemes, Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) of Rajasthan have reduced from 199 (SRS 2014-16) to 113 (SRS 2018-20), Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) have reduced from 46 (SRS 2014-16) to 32 (SRS 2018-20) and Total Fertility Rate (TFR) have reduced from 2.4 (NFHS-4) to 2.0 (NFHS-5).
