

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 867
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 2024**

SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS

867. SHRI RAMASHANKAR RAJBHAR:

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

- (a) the status of availability of doctors in Government hospitals in the country, State-wise, till date;
- (b) whether there are shortage of doctors in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total number of doctors graduating annually in the country alongwith the amount of annual fee thereof, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to reduce the fees payable by medical students and if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): As per information provided by National Medical Commission (NMC), there are 13,86,145 allopathic doctors registered with the State Medical Councils (SMCs) and the National Medical Commission (NMC) as on November, 2024. Assuming 80% availability of registered allopathic doctors and around 6.14 lakh AYUSH doctors, the doctor-population ratio in the country is around 1:811 which is better than the WHO standard of 1:1000. The details of the number of allopathic doctors registered with the SMCs/MCI is at Annexure.

The government has increased number of medical colleges and subsequently increased MBBS seats. There is an increase of 102% in Medical Colleges from 387 before 2014 to 780 as of now. Further, there is an increase of 130% in MBBS seats from 51,348 before 2014 to 1,18,137 as of now and increase of 135% in PG seats from 31,185 before 2014 to 73,157 as of now.

The measures/steps taken by the Government to increase the doctor/medical professional in the country include:-

- i. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for establishment of new medical college by upgrading district/ referral hospital under which 131 new medical colleges are already functional out of 157 approved medical colleges which includes 27 medical colleges in the State of Uttar Pradesh.
- ii. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/Central Government Medical Colleges to increase MBBS and PG seats.
- iii. Under “Upgradation of Government Medical Colleges by construction of Super Specialty Blocks” of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) scheme, a total of 75 projects have been approved, of which 69 projects are complete.
- iv. Under the Central Sector Scheme for setting up of new AIIMS, 22 AIIMS have been approved. Undergraduate courses have started in 19 of these.
- v. DNB qualification has been recognized for appointment as faculty to take care of shortage of faculty.
- vi. Enhancement of age limit for appointment/ extension/ re-employment against posts of teachers/Dean/Principal/ Director in medical colleges upto 70 years.

As envisaged in Section 10(1) of the National Medical Commission Act, 2019, NMC has framed guidelines for determination of fees and all other charges in respect of fifty percent of seats in private medical institutions and deemed to be universities which are governed under the provisions of NMC Act, 2019.

Annexure referred in reply to Part (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 867 for answer on 29.11.2024

STATE/ UT-WISE LIST OF DOCTORS POSSESSING RECOGNISED MEDICAL QUALIFICATIONS AND REGISTERED WITH STATE MEDICAL COUNCILS / THE ERSTWHILE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF INDIA/ NATIONAL MEDICAL COMMISSION AS ON NOVEMBER, 2024

SR No.	Name of State Medical Council	Total number of allopathic doctors
1	Andhra Pradesh Medical Council	105805
2	Arunachal Pradesh Medical Council	1660
3	Assam Medical Council	25980
4	Bihar Medical Council	48200
5	Chhattisgarh Medical Council	10962
6	Delhi Medical Council	31481
7	Goa Medical Council	4720
8	Gujarat Medical Council	79169
9	Haryana Medical Council	15714
10	Himachal Pradesh Medical Council	7296
11	Jammu & Kashmir Medical Council	18720
12	Jharkhand Medical Council	8544
13	Karnataka Medical Council	141155
14	Madhya Pradesh Medical Council	49730
15	Maharashtra Medical Council	209540
16	Erstwhile Medical Council of India	52672
17	Mizoram Medical Council	156
18	Nagaland Medical Council	166
19	Odisha Council of Medical Registration	29792
20	Punjab Medical Council	53446
21	Rajasthan Medical Council	49049
22	Sikkim Medical Council	1880
23	Tamil Nadu Medical Council	149399
24	Travancore Medical Council	73070
25	Uttar Pradesh Medical Council	99737
26	Uttarakhand Medical Council	10249
27	West Bengal Medical Council	78759
28	Tripura Medical Council	2683
29	Telangana Medical Council	26411
	Grand Total	1386145

Source: The National Medical Commission

Note:- Erstwhile MCI had stopped the registration since 2015.