

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †4733
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH MARCH, 2025**

MEDICAL COLLEGES IN MAHARASHTRA

**†4733. SHRI BHUMARE SANDIPANRAO ASARAM:
SHRI GYANESHWAR PATIL:**

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

- (a) the total number of Medical Colleges in the country including Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh during the last five years till date;
- (b) whether the number of MBBS seats have been increased in the country including Maharashtra during the said period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the increase in Medical Colleges and MBBS seats is likely to strengthen the health care system; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (e): The government has increased number of medical colleges and subsequently, the number of MBBS seats in the country. There is an increase of 39.78% in medical colleges from 558 in 2020-21 to 780 as of now, including 80 medical colleges in Maharashtra and 31 in Madhya Pradesh. Furthermore, there is an increase of 41.93% in the number of MBBS seats from 83,275 in 2020-21 to 1,18,190 as of now, including 11846 MBBS seats in Maharashtra and 5200 MBBS seats in Madhya pradesh.

Some of the measures/ steps taken by the Government to strengthen the health care system in the country include: -

- i. Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for establishment of new medical colleges by upgrading district/ referral hospital under which 157 new medical colleges have been approved, out of which 131 are already functional.
- ii. CSS for strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/ Central Government medical colleges to increase the number of MBBS (UG) and PG seats. Under these Schemes support has been provided for increase of 4977 MBBS seats in 83 colleges, 4058 PG seats in phase-I in 72 colleges and 4000 PG seats in phase-II in 65 colleges in the country.
- 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 71 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 teaching 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.
