

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4804
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH MARCH, 2025**

DOCTOR-POPULATION RATIO

4804. KM. SUDHA R:

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

- (a) the doctor-population ratio for all States and UTs in the country;
- (b) the number of Government medical colleges, private medical colleges and medical colleges run by Government like AIIMS, ESI, Military and deemed universities along with their intake of students, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the total number of post-graduate medical seats in Government and private medical colleges, besides deemed universities, hospitals, AIIMS, ESI and Military-run colleges, State/UTwise;
- (d) whether there is a bar on opening of new medical colleges both by the Government and private sector in the State of Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of the Central Share of funds for establishing a new medical college; and
- (f) whether there is any delay in approving six new Government medical colleges in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (c): As per information provided by National Medical Commission (NMC), there are 13,86,150 registered allopathic doctors. The Ministry of AYUSH has informed that there are 7,51,768 registered practitioners in the AYUSH system of medicine. Assuming that 80% of registered practitioners in both the allopathic and AYUSH systems are available, the doctor-population ratio in the country is estimated to be 1:811.

As of 2024-25, there are 780 medical colleges including 431 government medical colleges and 349 private medical colleges. Further, there are 74,306 post-graduate medical seats available.

(d): No, the permission for opening of new medical college is subject to Regulations framed by NMC for the purpose.

(e)&(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 the Scheme, all the envisaged 157 Government medical colleges have already been approved in three phases including 11 medical colleges in Tamil Nadu. Entire Central Share has been released to the State government of Tamil Nadu and all the eleven medical colleges have become functional.
