

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5738
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04TH APRIL, 2025**

NURSING EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN TAMIL NADU

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

- (a) the current status of nursing education infrastructure including the number of nursing colleges, their distribution across districts and the intake capacity of students in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the major challenges faced in expanding nursing education infrastructure in the State particularly in rural and underserved areas;
- (c) the initiatives taken by the Government to address these challenges including financial assistance, policy reforms and measures to improve the quality of nursing education in the State;
- (d) the details of any new nursing colleges or training institutions approved or established in Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;
- (e) the impact of these initiatives on addressing the shortage of nursing professionals in healthcare sector in the State; and
- (f) whether the Government has any other future plans to strengthen nursing education and workforce development 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 (f) As per the Indian Nursing Council (INC) records, there are 194 institutions running GNM program and 221 Colleges of Nursing with B.Sc.(N) program in Tamil Nadu. The district-wise number of Government/ private nursing colleges and the intake capacity of students in Tamil Nadu is at **annexure-I**. Details of new nursing colleges or training institutions approved or established in Tamil Nadu is at **annexure-II**. The Government has taken the following initiatives to improve the quality of nursing education in the State;

- (i) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for “Augmenting Nursing Education-

Establishment of new College of Nursing (CoN) in co-location with Medical College”
157 nursing colleges have been sanctioned in the country including eleven (11) in Tamil Nadu.

- (ii) Under the Central Sector Scheme ‘Development of Nursing Services’ financial assistance is provided to States/UTs to upgrade Schools of Nursing into Colleges of Nursing.
- (iii) Distance between nursing educational institutions has been reduced from 10 km to 5 km in Hilly areas.
- (iv) Maximum distance between hospital and institution can be 50 km in Hilly areas as against 30 km in plain areas.
- (v) For Nursing Educational Programmes, student patient ratio has been relaxed from 1:5 to 1:3.
- (vi) The land requirement for Nursing Educational Institutes from 3 acres has been relaxed to constructed building of 54,000 sq. ft. for School/College of Nursing including Hostel.
- (vii) To open GNM and B.Sc. (Nursing) programme, 100 bedded parent hospital is essential since 2013-2014. However, this is relaxed for hilly and tribal areas.
- (viii) Norms for teaching faculty to start B.Sc. (N) Programme has been relaxed as under:
 - At least 2 M.Sc. (N) faculty to be available
 - Qualification and Experience of the Nursing Teachers has been relaxed.
- (ix) Super speciality Hospital can start M.Sc. (N) without having under graduate programme. Further, student teacher ratio for M.Sc.(N) programme has been relaxed from 1:5 to 1:10
- (x) Age of superannuation for faculty in Nursing has been increased to 70 years.
- (xi) INC has increased the maximum number of sanctioned seats for Nursing programs to 300.

**Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (f) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Que. No. 5738
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**District-wise number of Govt./Pvt. Nursing Institutions and the Admission Capacity as on 31st, December,
2024 in the State of Tamil Nadu**

S. No.	Tamil Nadu State	GNM				B.Sc(N)			
		Institution		Seats		Institution		Seats	
		Govt.	Pvt.	Govt.	Pvt.	Govt.	Pvt.	Govt.	Pvt.
1	Ariyalur	0	1	0	20	0	0	0	0
2	Chengalpattu	1	3	20	60	0	4	0	290
3	Chennai	4	8	350	220	1	10	50	520
4	Coimbatore	1	16	100	555	0	27	0	1870
5	Cuddalore	1	6	50	140	0	2	0	160
6	Dharmapuri	0	6	0	210	0	6	0	350
7	Dindigul	1	6	50	220	0	10	0	570
8	Erode	1	5	60	100	0	4	0	260
9	Kancheepuram	2	8	150	250	1	15	50	1230
10	Kanyakumari	1	16	100	405	0	20	0	1250
11	Karur	0	2	0	40	0	2	0	110
12	Krishnagiri	0	3	0	80	0	4	0	320
13	Madurai	1	8	100	295	1	7	50	470
14	Nagapattinam	1	4	100	130	0	1	0	40
15	Namakkal	0	5	0	190	0	9	0	670
16	Nilgiris	1	1	50	20	0	0	0	0
17	Perambalur	0	3	0	70	0	4	0	350
18	Pudukkottai	0	5	0	140	0	5	0	250
19	Ramanathapuram	1	1	100	40	0	0	0	0
20	Ranipet	0	1	0	40	0	1	0	50
21	Salem	1	8	100	200	1	14	50	900
22	Sivaganga	0	1	0	20	0	3	0	160
23	Tenkasi	0	1	0	35	0	1	0	40
24	Thanjavur	1	9	100	200	0	4	0	300
25	Theni	1	1	100	20	1	2	50	160
26	Thiruvallur	0	4	0	180	0	10	0	740
27	Thoothukudi	1	4	100	100	0	4	0	210
28	Tiruchirappalli	1	9	100	200	0	13	0	770
29	Tirunelveli	1	2	100	70	0	9	0	470
30	Tiruppur	1	0	100	0	0	2	0	150
31	Tirupur	0	1	0	20	0	3	0	150
32	Tiruvannamalai	0	5	0	170	0	4	0	260
33	Vellore	1	14	100	475	0	6	0	390
34	Villuppuram	0	2	0	100	0	5	0	360
35	Virudhunagar	1	0	100	0	0	5	0	310

Annexure - II

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (f) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Que. No. 5738 for 04.04.2025

Nursing Colleges established during the last 3 years [B.Sc.(N)]					
State	2022	2023	2024	Total*	Number of colleges sanctioned in 2023-24**
Andaman & Nicobar	0	0	0	0	1
Andhra Pradesh	2	0	0	144	3
Arunachal Pradesh	1	0	2	5	1
Assam	0	2	1	23	5
Bihar	2	0	4	18	8
Chandigarh	0	0	0	2	--
Chhattisgarh	0	10	5	122	5
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	1	--
Daman & Diu	0	0	0	1	--
Delhi	0	1	1	16	--
Goa	0	0	3	6	--
Gujarat	0	0	6	112	5
Haryana	0	0	1	41	1
Himachal Pradesh	0	0	5	42	3
Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	3	24	7
Jharkhand	5	3	14	42	5
Karnataka	24	7	0	391	4
Kerala	1	5	18	161	-
Ladakh	0	0	0	0	1
Lakshadweep	0	0	1	1	--
Madhya Pradesh	21	0	0	167	14
Maharashtra	0	0	0	109	2
Manipur	2	1	2	15	1
Meghalaya	0	2	0	4	1
Mizoram	0	1	0	4	1
Nagaland	0	0	1	3	2
Odisha	1	5	5	54	7
Pondicherry	0	0	2	17	-
Punjab	4	1	3	123	3
Rajasthan	1	0	22	180	23
Sikkim	0	1	0	4	1
Tamilnadu	4	0	6	221	11
Telangana	0	0	13	103	--
Tripura	0	0	2	6	--
Uttar Pradesh	14	9	21	194	27
Uttarakhand	2	2	2	43	4
West Bengal	36	5	31	121	11

*Total number of B.Sc. nursing colleges functional in India as on 31st December, 2024.

**Colleges sanctioned under Centrally Sponsored Scheme “Augmenting Nursing Education-Establishment new nursing colleges” in co-location with medical colleges.