

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 766  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025**

**INCREASING OF GNM AND ANM SCHOOLS**

**766: SHRI UMMEDA RAM BENIWAL**

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

- (a) whether the Government is specially focusing on increasing the number of General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) and Auxiliary Nursing and Midwifery (ANM) schools and to increase the capacity thereof across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the financial provisions made for upgradation of existing Nursing Schools and Colleges in the country; and
- (d) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the number of qualified faculty members in various specialities and to improve the knowledge and skills of nursing staff?

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

(a) to (d) The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare administers a Central Sector Scheme “Development of Nursing services” for upgradation of existing Schools of Nursing into Colleges of Nursing. As per the scheme guidelines, an amount of Rs 7 cr is released to each School of Nursing for upgradation into College of Nursing. Under the said scheme an amount of Rs. 19.76 crores is earmarked under BE 2025-26 for allocation to Schools of Nursing for upgradation into Colleges of Nursing.

Further, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare also administers a Centrally Sponsored Scheme ‘ Augmenting Nursing Education - Establishment of 157 new Colleges of Nursing (CoN) in co-location with Medical Colleges’ for establishment of 157 nursing colleges in the country.

As per the Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) Regulations, 2019, renewal of registration/license every five years is linked with 150 hours of CNE for all categories of nurses. Under the component ‘Training of Nurses’ of the Central Sector Scheme “Development of Nursing Services”, Central Government provides funds for training of nurses in a batch of 30 nurses per course of 7 days which adds to their CNE credits.

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