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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 847 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 07th FEBRUARY, 2025

MEDICAL COLLEGES

847. SHRI BASAVARAJ BOMMAI:

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

- (a) the total number of medical colleges at present functioning as compared to the year 2014 in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the increase in the number of MBBS seats today as compared to the year 2014, State/UTwise particularly in the State of Karnataka;
- (c) whether increase in number of medical colleges and seats have led towards strengthening the healthcare system in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (d): As informed by National Medical Commission (NMC), the Government has increased number of medical colleges and subsequently increased MBBS seats. There is an increase of medical colleges from 404 in 2014 to 780 as of now. Further, there is an increase of 63,842 MBBS seats from 54,348 in 2014 to 1,18,190 as of now. The State/UT wise details of MBBS seats in the country including Karnataka in the year 2014-15 and 2024-25 are at Annexure.

Some of the measures/steps taken by the Government to strengthen the healthcare 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 which support has been provided for increase of 4977 MBBS seats in 83 colleges with an approved cost of Rs. 5972.20 Cr, 4058 PG seats in phase-I in 72 colleges with an

approved cost of Rs. 1498.43 Cr and 4000 PG seats in phase-II in 65 colleges with an approved cost of Rs. 4478.25 Cr.

- iii. Under "Upgradation of Government medical colleges by construction of Super Specialty Blocks" component of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), a total of 75 projects have been approved.
- 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.

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 847 for answer on 07/02/2025

Annexure

State/UT wise details of number of MBBS seats in the country in the year 2014-15 and 2024 -25

| S.No. | Name of the State/UT | Number of MBBS seats in AY 2014-15 | Number of MBBS seats in AY 2024-25 |
|-------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. | Andaman & Nicorbar Island | 0 | 114 |
| 2. | Andhra Pradesh | 6900 | 6785 |
| 3. | Arunachal Pradesh | 0 | 100 |
| 4. | Assam | 726 | 1650 |
| 5. | Bihar | 1310 | 2995 |
| 6. | Chandigarh | 100 | 150 |
| 7. | Chhattisgarh | 700 | 2455 |
| 8. | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 0 | 177 |
| 9. | Delhi | 1000 | 1497 |
| 10. | Goa | 150 | 200 |
| 11. | Gujarat | 2930 | 7250 |
| 12. | Haryana | 800 | 2185 |
| 13. | Himachal Pradesh | 350 | 920 |
| 14. | Jammu & Kashmir | 500 | 1339 |
| 15. | Jharkhand | 350 | 1055 |
| 16. | Karnataka | 6905 | 12545 |
| 17. | Kerala | 3650 | 4905 |
| 18. | Madhya Pradesh | 1850 | 5200 |
| 19. | Maharashtra | 6195 | 11846 |
| 20. | Manipur | 200 | 525 |
| 21. | Meghalaya | 50 | 200 |
| 22. | Mizoram | 0 | 100 |
| 23. | Nagaland | 0 | 100 |
| 24. | Orissa | 1150 | 2725 |
| 25. | Pondicherry | 1350 | 1830 |
| 26. | Punjab | 1295 | 1850 |
| 27. | Rajasthan | 2000 | 6476 |
| 28. | Sikkim | 100 | 150 |
| 29. | TamilNadu | 5915 | 12050 |
| 30. | Telangana | 0 | 9040 |
| 31. | Tripura | 200 | 425 |
| 32. | UttarPradesh | 4099 | 12475 |
| 33. | Uttarakhand | 450 | 1400 |
| 34. | WestBengal | 2450 | 5476 |
| 35. | AIIMS | 673 | * |

* MBBS seats in AIIMS have been included in the respective States.