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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3393 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08TH AUGUST, 2025

DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL COLLEGES IN TELANGANA

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

- (a) the current status of infrastructure like lecture halls, laboratories, libraries and hostels in rural medical colleges in Telangana, such as Kakatiya Medical College and Government Medical College (Jangaon);
- (b) whether there are any specific upgrades and developments planned to enhance these facilities and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the affiliated hospitals and health centres like Primary Health Centres and Rural Health Training Centres are adequately equipped with modern medical technology, diagnostic tools and sufficient staff to support medical education and patient care and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is an adequate number of qualified faculty and medical staff in these institutions and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of the recruitment drives or incentives to attract professionals to serve in rural areas; and
- (f) the measures or funding initiatives taken by the Government to improve the facilities and operational capacity of rural medical colleges in Telangana along with the specific schemes or budgets allocated for Warangal-based institutions?

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

(a) to (d) As per the information provided by National Medical Commission (NMC) the Guidelines for Under Graduate Courses under Establishment of New Medical Institutions, Starting of New Medical Courses, Increase of Seats for Existing Courses & Assessment and Rating Regulations, 2023 states that it is mandatory for the concerned medical institution to ensure the availability of essential infrastructure such as lecture halls, laboratories, libraries, and hostels prior to the issuance of the Letter of Permission (LoP) for establishment of a new medical college.

Similarly, the department-wise faculty requirements in medical colleges are prescribed under the Undergraduate Medical Education – Minimum Standard Requirements (UG-MSR), 2023. The

qualifications of faculty are governed by the Medical Institutions (Qualifications of Faculty) Regulations, 2025. Faculty attendance in medical colleges is monitored by the NMC through the Aadhar Enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS).

(e) Under the National Health Mission (NHM), Public Health and Hospitals being a State subject, the responsibility for strengthening healthcare systems and recruitment of human resources rests with the respective State/UT Governments. MoH&FW provides financial and technical support based on the Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) submitted by States/UTs within the approved resource envelope.

In order to address of human resources (HR), under NHM, following types of incentives and honorarium are provided for encouraging doctors to practice in the country under NHM:

- Hard area allowance to specialist doctors for serving in rural and remote areas and for their residential quarters.
- Honorarium to Gynaecologists'/ Emergency Obstetric Care (EmoC) trained, Pediatricians & Anaesthetist/ Life Saving Anaesthesia Skills (LSAS) trained doctors is also provided to increase availability of specialists for conducting caesarean sections in rural & remote area.
- Incentives like special incentives for doctors, incentive for ANM for ensuring timely ANC check-up and recording, incentives for conducting Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health activities.
- States are also allowed to offer negotiable salary to attract specialist including flexibility in strategies such as "You Quote We Pay".
- Non-Monetary incentives such preferential admission in post graduate courses for staff serving in difficult areas and improving accommodation arrangement in rural areas have also been introduced under NHM.
- Multi-skilling of doctors is supported under NHM to overcome the shortage of specialists. Skill upgradation of existing HR is another major strategy under NHM for achieving improvement in health outcomes.
- (f) Under two phases of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for strengthening and up-gradation of Government Medical Colleges for starting new PG disciplines and increase of PG seats, 511 PG seats have been approved for increase in nine (09) medical colleges in Telangana at an approved cost of Rs. 324.55 crore. Out of these 511 seats, 92 PG seats have been approved in Kakatiya Medical College, Warangal—89 seats under Phase-I with an approved cost of Rs. 10.45 crore of which full central share of Rs. 7.47 crore has been released; and 3 seats under Phase-II with an approved cost of Rs. 3.59 crore against which the central share of Rs. 2.15 crore has been released.

Further, State Programme Implementation Plan (SPIP) approved an amount of Rs. 67.16 crore for infrastructure strengthening in rural areas under NHM, and the Central Government released Rs. 208.82 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) in the year 2024–25 to the State of Telangana.
