

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 935
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2025**

SHORTAGE OF TRAINED NURSES AND MIDWIVES

935: SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA

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

- (a) the number of registered Nurses and Midwives in the country in the year 2025-26, State-wise;
- (b) the number of registered Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANM) and Lady Health Visitors in the country in the year 2025-26, State-wise;
- (c) whether the nurse-population ratio indicate a shortage of trained nurses and midwives in the country and if so, the measures taken by the Government to promote nursing degrees in the country; and
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposals from the States/UTs for setting up or upgradation of nursing institutions 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 the Indian Nursing Council (INC) records, there are 31.62 lakh Registered Nurses & Registered Midwives (RN & RM), 10.74 Lakh Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANM) and 57.17 Thousand Lady Health Visitors (LHV) registered in the country as on 31st March, 2025. Based on the total registered nursing personnel, the estimated Nurse-Population ratio works out to 1:411 (2.5 nurses per 1000) in the country. Details are as per **Annexure-I & Annexure-II**.

(d) The Government has sanctioned the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) “Augmenting Nursing Education – Establishment of New Colleges of Nursing in co-location with Medical Colleges” for setting up 157 Nursing Colleges in 2023. As on date, proposals for 113 colleges of Nursing from States/UTs have been received and approved by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The details are as per **Annexure III**. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare also administers the Central Sector Scheme “Development of Nursing Services”, which provides financial support for the upgradation of existing Schools of Nursing into Colleges of Nursing. As per the scheme guidelines, ₹7.00 Crore is sanctioned for each institution approved for upgradation. During the previous years, 29 Schools of Nursing have been approved for upgradation under the scheme. The State/UT-wise list of these 29 Schools of Nursing, is placed at **Annexure-IV**.