

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1328  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE IN RAYAGADA**

**1328. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has approved or is considering the establishment of a Government Medical College in Rayagada district of Odisha, which is one of the most backward and tribal-dominated districts and faces an acute shortage of doctors and specialist care and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has received a proposal from the State Government of Odisha for the said medical college and the present status of land identification, Detailed Project Report (DPR), statutory clearances and central funding in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government will consider naming the proposed Rayagada Government Medical College after Late Shri Ramachandra Ulaka, a great tribal leader and educationist who revolutionised school education for tribal communities in Odisha and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has any time-bound roadmap for making the Rayagada Government Medical College operational, so that people of Rayagada, Koraput and neighbouring tribal districts get access to quality tertiary healthcare, if so, the details thereof?

**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 Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for 'Establishment of new medical colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals' with preference to underserved areas and aspirational districts, where there is no existing Government or private medical college. The fund sharing mechanism between the Centre and State Governments is in the ratio of 90:10 for North Eastern and Special Category States, and 60:40 for others. Under the Scheme, all the envisaged 157 Government medical colleges have already been approved in three phases including 07 medical colleges (Balasore, Baripada (Mayurbhanj), Bolangir, Koraput, Puri in Phase-I, Jajpur in Phase-II & Kalahandi in Phase-III ) in Odisha. All the 07 medical colleges in Odisha are functional. However, no proposal for setting up of Medical College at Rayagada has been received from the State of Odisha.

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