

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2447
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13th FEBRUARY 2026**

ADDITIONAL MBBS AND MD/MS SEATS

2447. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

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

- (a) the number of additional MBBS and MD/MS seats approved and filled including the 10,023 newly sanctioned seats and the manner in which these seats were distributed between Government and private medical colleges during the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the manner in which the expansion of medical seats impacted each State's doctor-population ratio whether assessments or evaluations are available in this regard, especially district-wise in the State of Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) whether the increase in domestic medical seats helped reduce students' dependence on studying medicine abroad and what evidence supports this trend in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

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), there is an increase of 48,563 MBBS seats and 29,080 PG seats in the country from Academic Year 2020-21 to 2025-26. The details of the increase in MBBS and PG seats are at Annexure. Further, the Government has approved the addition of 10,023 medical seats under Centrally Sponsored Schemes across government colleges from financial year 2025-26 to 2028-29.

The expansion of medical seats reduce the gap in the healthcare workforce, particularly in underserved region and has a direct bearing on the doctor-population ratio across States, including Uttar Pradesh. The growing number of medical seats, coupled with improvements in infrastructure and faculty, has made domestic institutions more accessible to Indian students.

NMC , as an apex regulatory body entrusted with the responsibility of maintaining the quality of medical education has notified various Regulations namely Minimum Standards Requirement (MSR), Graduate Medical Education Regulations (GMER), 2023, Maintenance of Standards of Medical Education Regulations, 2023 (MSMER-2023) and Competency-Based Medical Education (CBME) Curriculum Guidelines 2024 to ensure the adherence to prescribed standards in medical education. These regulations are designed to uphold the integrity and quality of medical education and training across the country.

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2447 for answer on 13.02.2026

Annexure

Number of MBBS seats from academic year 2020-21 to 2025-26

Sr. No.	Academic Year	Increase in MBBS seats
1	2020-21	2963
2	2021-22	8790
3	2022-23	7398
4	2023-24	9652
5	2024-25	8641
6	2025-26	11119

Number of PG seats from academic year 2020-21 to 2025-26

Sr. No.	Academic Year	Increase in PG seats
1	2020-21	4983
2	2021-22	4705
3	2022-23	2874
4	2023-24	4713
5	2024-25	4186
6	2025-26	7619