

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3538  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026**

**DOCTOR PATIENT RATIO**

**3538 PROF. SOUGATA RAY:**

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

- (a) the details of India's national doctor-patient ratio, State/UT-wise and sector-wise;
- (b) whether some States are showing better doctor-patient ratio in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for some States lagging behind;
- (d) the number of existing medical seats for MBBS, MD, BAMS in Government and private sectors in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the seats for medical education and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Government has any proposal to open new AIIMS in the country and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (f): There are 13,88,185 registered allopathic doctors and 7,51,768 registered practitioners in the AYUSH system of medicine. Assuming that 80% of registered practitioners in both the allopathic and AYUSH systems are available, the doctor-population ratio in the country is estimated to be 1:811.

The government has increased number of Medical Colleges, Under Graduate (UG) and Post Graduate (PG) seats. The number of Medical Colleges have increased from 387 to 818; UG seats from 51,348 to 1,28,976; and PG seats from 31,185 to 85,020 from 2014 to as on date. Further, there are 45,245 BAMS seats available across the country.

The Government has taken several steps to increase the medical seats in the country:

- Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS), 'Establishment of new medical colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals', 137 new medical colleges are functional out of 157 approved medical colleges.
- Centrally Sponsored Scheme for strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/Central Government Medical Colleges to increase MBBS and PG seats.

- Under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), establishment of 22 All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) has been approved in various States/UTs in the country till date.

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