

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4658  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026**

**INSTITUTIONS FOR ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**

**4658. SHRI EATALA RAJENDER:**

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the existing institutions for Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) and establish new AHP institutions in both the Government and private sectors covering 10 selected disciplines including Optometry, Radiology, Anaesthesia, Operation Theatre Technology, Applied Psychology and Behavioural Health with a view to add about 1,00,000 Allied Health Professionals during the next five years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard?

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

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. It has been announced in Budget 2026-27 to upgrade the existing institutions for Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) and also to establish new AHP Institutions in private and Government sectors covering 10 selected disciplines, including optometry, radiology, anaesthesia, OT Technology, Applied Psychology and Behavioural Health and add 100,000 AHPs over the next 5 years.

This Ministry is in the process of preparing a roadmap in consultation with relevant stakeholders to implement the aforesaid budget announcement.

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