

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5561
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27th MARCH 2026**

MEDICAL COLLEGE IN KOLHAPUR

5561. SHRI SHAHU SHAHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

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

- (a) whether the upgraded Government Medical College in Kolhapur has enhanced, specialized Healthcare services available to the public and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of patients served annually before and after upgradation along with the impact on referral rates from nearby districts and regional catchment areas;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted patient satisfaction surveys or quality audits at the Government Medical College, Kolhapur along with the key findings of such audits;
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to address gaps identified thereto;
- (e) whether any new research labs or clinical trial infrastructure is proposed at Government Medical College, Kolhapur and if so, the details thereof along with the funding allocated and the expected timeline for completion;
- (f) the details of the Central and State funding committed for upgradation of the Government Medical College, Kolhapur along with the expenditure incurred so far; and
- (g) whether any delays have occurred in release of funds or execution of works in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): As informed by the State Government of Maharashtra, the super-specialty services including Cardiology, Neurosurgery, Hematology, Neonatology, Respiratory ICU and Nephrology have been operationalized in the institution. In addition, advanced diagnostic facilities such as high-end MRI and CT scan are fully functional.

There is a total increase of 1,75,916 patients in Out-Patient Department (OPD) from 1,80,113 patients in 2024 to 3,56,029 patients in 2025. This growth has also led to increased referrals from adjoining districts such as Sangli, Satara and Ratnagiri and nearby districts.

(c) & (d): Patient satisfaction is regularly monitored through the 'Mera Aspataal' portal, along with feedback registers and suggestion boxes maintained in each ward, which are periodically reviewed by the respective Heads of Departments. Further, to address these concerns, several

remedial measures have been initiated, including the implementation of a digital token system for streamlined OPD services and efforts to fill vacant nursing and support staff positions.

(e) to (g): A proposal for establishing a Multi-Disciplinary Research Unit (MRU) and an advanced Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratory (VRDL) has been submitted to the Government of Maharashtra.

Further, under Central Sector Scheme 'Human Resource Development for Emergency Medical Services' (HRDEMS) provides for setting up and equipping of National Emergency Life Support (NELS) Skill Centers in Government Medical Colleges /Autonomous Institutes in States/UTs for imparting skill-based trainings on emergency life support for different categories of health functionaries including doctors, nurses and paramedicals working in emergency departments and those providing pre - hospital care.

One such National Emergency Life Support (NELS) Skill Center has been sanctioned for Government Medical College, Kolhapur for which an amount of Rs. 1.4 Crore has been released in FY 2025-26.
