

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5700
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27th MARCH 2026**

SHORTAGE OF MEDICAL SEATS

5700. SHRI RAMASAHAYAM RAGHURAM REDDY:

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

- (a) the current number of Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate (PG) medical seats available in the country, State/UT-wise including any recent changes or expansions in these numbers;
- (b) the total annual number of aspiring medical students applying for UG and PG courses and how these figures compare with the available seats; and
- (c) whether specific measures are being implemented to increase the number of Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate (PG) medical seats in the country and if so, the details thereof including the establishment of new medical colleges and the expansion of existing Institutions?

ANSWER

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

(a) As informed by the National Medical Commission (NMC), currently there are 1,28,976 Under Graduate (UG) Seats & 85839 Post Graduate (PG) seats (including DNB/DNS) across the country. The State/UT-wise details of the UG and PG Seats across the country is at Annexure.

(b) As informed by the National Testing Agency (NTA), in the year 2025, a total of 22,76,069 candidates registered for NEET (UG), out of which 22,09,318 candidates appeared in the examination; further, in the current year 2026, a total of 22,79,724 candidates have registered for NEET (UG) and the exam is scheduled on 03/05/2026. Nearly 2,42,000 candidates appeared for the NEET-PG 2025 examination.

(c) 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. A total of 157 Medical Colleges have been approved in the various districts across the country out of which 137 are already functional. Further, support has also been provided for Strengthening/Upgradation of existing State Government/Central Government medical colleges to increase the number of MBBS (UG) and PG seats under which support has been provided for increase of 4977 MBBS seats in 83 colleges and 4058 PG seats have been approved in medical colleges across the country.

Further, the Government has recently approved phase III and extension of the CSSs for Strengthening and Upgradation of existing State/Central Government Medical Colleges, Standalone

PG Institutes and Government Hospitals for creation of 5000 PG seats and 5023 MBBS seats with an enhanced cost ceiling of Rs. 1.50 crore per seat.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5700 for answer on 27.03.2026

Annexure

State/UT Wise Under-Graduate (UG) and Post-Graduate (PG) Seats across the country

Sl. No	State/UT	Under-Graduate (UG)	Post-Graduate (PG)
1	Andhra Pradesh	7215	4206
2	Andaman & Nicobar	114	13
3	Arunachal Pradesh	100	23
4	Assam	1975	799
5	Bihar	3545	1623
6	Chandigarh	150	587
7	Chhattisgarh	2455	832
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	177	46
9	Delhi	1396	3033
10	Goa	200	159
11	Gujarat	7525	3881
12	Haryana	2710	1122
13	Himachal Pradesh	970	400
14	Jammu & Kashmir	1676	808
15	Jharkhand	1255	289
16	Karnataka	13944	8442
17	Kerala	5404	2263
18	Madhya Pradesh	5725	3189
19	Maharashtra	12824	7187
20	Manipur	525	270
21	Meghalaya	200	37
22	Mizoram	100	10
23	Nagaland	100	00
24	Odisha	3025	1554
25	Puducherry	1873	1155
26	Punjab	1899	980
27	Rajasthan	7330	4136

28	Sikkim	150	34
29	Tamil Nadu	13050	6369
30	Telangana	9540	3997
31	Tripura	450	113
32	Uttar Pradesh	13425	6114
33	Uttarakhand	1450	2088
34	West Bengal	6499	2416

Note: 85839 post graduate seats include **17,664** in DNB, DrNB, FNB and Post MBBS Diploma seats as on date.
