

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3439
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07TH AUGUST, 2026**

MEDICAL COLLEGES IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

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

- (a) the total number of Government and private medical colleges currently functional in Himachal Pradesh, along with the details of the undergraduate and postgraduate seats available therein and the hospitals affiliated to therewith;
- (b) the total number of District Hospitals, Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres and Sub-Health Centres in the State, along with the Institution-wise details of the sanctioned and working strength of doctors, specialist doctors, nursing and other healthcare staff;
- (c) the total number of doctors who have completed their medical graduation and postgraduation in the State every year during the last three years along with the details of the doctors those appointed to the Government health services of the State; and
- (d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to address the shortage of doctors and specialists and to strengthen medical education and healthcare services in the State?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) As informed by the National Medical Commission (NMC), at present there are seven government medical colleges with 846 MBBS seats and one Private Medical College with 150 MBBS seats currently functional in the State of Himachal Pradesh. Further, there are 307 PG Seats in six government medical colleges and 93 PG seats in one private medical college in Himachal Pradesh.

Public Health & Hospitals fall under the State list and therefore, the primary responsibility of strengthening public healthcare system is with the State/Union Territories. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides technical and financial support to the States/ Union Territories including all areas of Himachal Pradesh to strengthen the public healthcare system including support for healthcare staff, medical equipment and other health facilities in the rural areas of the country based on the proposals received in the form of Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

The details regarding sanctioned and in-position doctors, specialist doctors, nursing and other healthcare staff and their vacancies in Community Health Centres (CHCs), Sub-Health Centres and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and District Hospitals across the country including Himachal Pradesh can be accessed at the following link of Health Dynamics of India (HDI) 2023-24:

<https://www.mohfw-dohfw.gov.in/static/uploads/2026/05/57202cf30629539e4d0fb0a2f700ac62.pdf>

The details regarding the number of doctors who completed MBBS and postgraduate (MD/MS) courses during the last three academic years is not maintained centrally.

(d) The 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 having no existing Government or private medical college. Under this Scheme, three medical colleges — at Chamba, Hamirpur and Nahan — have been approved in Himachal Pradesh, and all three are functional.

Further, under the CSS for Upgradation of Existing State/Central Government Medical Colleges for increasing MBBS and postgraduate seats, financial support has been provided to Himachal Pradesh for:

- (i) increase of 120 MBBS seats across six Medical Colleges, at a total approved cost of ₹144 crore; and
- (ii) increase of 17 postgraduate seats in one Medical College, at a total approved cost of ₹14.50 crore.

In addition, under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), an All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) has been established at Bilaspur. Further, under the component for Upgradation of Government Medical Colleges through construction of Super Specialty Blocks, two projects have been approved — for Government Medical Colleges at Tanda and Shimla.
