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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5011 TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST MARCH, 2023

ACQUISITION OF ZORAM MEDICAL COLLEGE IN MIZORAM

5011. SHRI C. LALROSANGA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to take over the Zoram Medical College in Mizoram;
- (b) if so, the progress of action taken in the matter; and
- (c) the updated status of taking over of the medical college?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) to (c): 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, where there is no existing Government or private medical college with fund sharing between the Centre and State Governments in the ratio of 90:10 for North Eastern and Special Category States and 60:40 for others. Under the Scheme, 157 medical colleges have been approved in three phases including 01 medical college in the State of Mizoram, i.e. Zoram Medical College, Falkwan, Mizoram. As per guidelines of the above Scheme, there is no provision for takeover of a medical college by the Central Government.

Further, the Government has increased number of medical colleges and subsequently increased MBBS seats. There is an increase of 71% in medical colleges from 387 before 2014 to 660 as of now. Further, there is an increase of 97% in MBBS seats from 51,348 before 2014 to 101,043 as of now, there is also an increase of 110% in PG seats from 31,185 before 2014 to 65,335 as of now, including, Diplomate of National Board (DNB) / Fellowship of National Board (FNB) PG seats and PG seats in College of Physicians and Surgeons (CPS).