

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3133
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9th AUGUST, 2024**

DEVELOPMENT OF NURSING SECTOR

3133: SHRI RAMASAHAYAM RAGHURAM REDDY

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

- (a) the details of the nurse-to-population ratio in the country during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether this ratio is in compliance with international health standards;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps to increase the number of nurses and improve the nursing sector and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (c) As informed by Indian Nursing Council, nurse-to-population ratio in the country during the year 2024, 2023 and 2022 is 1:455, 1:475 and 1:489 respectively.

(d) In order to promote nursing education in the country, the central government is implementing a Central Sector Scheme “Development of Nursing Services” under which Schools of Nursing (SoN) are given Grants-in-aid to upgrade them into Colleges of Nursing (CoN). Further, establishment of 157 nursing colleges has been announced in the budget speech 2023-24 in medical colleges which have been approved under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for “Establishment of new Medical College attached with existing district/referral hospital”.
