

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1332
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OPENING MEDICAL COLLEGES IN TRIBAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Union Government is contemplating to open medical colleges in tribal dominated districts in order to provide better health services there;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the details of the steps taken /proposed to be taken by the Government to provide better health services in the tribal areas;
- (d) whether any proposal to open medical colleges in tribal areas of Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra is pending with the `Rashtriya Ayurveda Sansthana` ; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by when the proposal is likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

- (a) to (c): There is no proposal to open medical colleges by the Central Government under the provisions of Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 in the tribal dominated districts. However, under the scheme of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana, Central Government has proposed to set up AIIMS-type institutions and also to upgrade the facilities available in the existing medical colleges in under-served areas in terms of availability of medical infrastructure, high incidence of mortality and morbidity, inadequate facilities for super speciality services etc. in the tribal dominated States of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand.
- (d): No, Sir.
- (e): Does not arise in view of (d) above.