

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

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POST GRADUATE MEDICAL SEATS

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

- (a) whether the Government has approved the proposal to add more postgraduate medical seats in the medical colleges across the country in addition to the ongoing programme of increasing the enrolment of post-graduate students;
- (b) if so, the number of seats proposed to be increased in the medical colleges and the criteria adopted for the purpose, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of the provisions made and the financial assistance proposed to be provided to these medical colleges for the upgradation of infrastructure, purchase of equipment and payment of salaries to faculty and support staff;
- (d) whether the Government has also received any requests from the State Governments in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a) to (e): In order to increase the number of Post Graduate (PG) seats, in medical colleges the Central Government has revised the teacher student ratio from 1:1 to 1:2. As a result of these revised norms, approximately 4000 PG seats are envisaged to be added in the medical colleges/institutes.

The Government has an approved scheme for strengthening and upgradation of State Government Medical Colleges by way of one time grant of Rs. 1350 crores with funding pattern of 75% by Central Government and 25% by State Government for starting new Post Graduate (PG) disciplines and increasing PG seats by central funding during 11th Plan in un-served & underserved areas and in needed speciality. Under this scheme, about 5000 PG seats are envisaged to be created. Proposals in this regard have been received from 65 Government Medical colleges in 18 States.