

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

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POST GRADUATE MEDICAL COLLEGES

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

- (a) whether there are a limited number of medical colleges in comparison to the requirement which provide post graduate medical degrees in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of such colleges in the country along with the post graduate seats therein, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of such colleges to meet the shortage of specialised doctors in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether proposals have also been received from the State Governments in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRVEDI)

(a) to (d) At present, 209 medical colleges are offering Post Graduate (PG) degree/diploma courses. As per information provided by the Medical Council of India (MCI), approximately 23,000 MBBS students pass out every year for which approximately 13505 PG degree/ diploma seats are available. Further National Board of Examination also provides 5,000 seats in various DNB courses. Thus, seats for post graduate and post graduate equivalent are available for more than 75% of students passing out MBBS course throughout the country. State/UT-wise details of post graduate seats are at Annexure.

In order to facilitate increase of the number of medical colleges and seats in various medical courses, the Central Government has amended the Regulations rationalizing/relaxing the norms in terms of teaching faculty, land requirements, bed strengths, and other infrastructural facilities prescribed in MCI Regulations. Also the Central Government has permitted the medical colleges to apply for starting of a PG course in pre and para clinical subjects at the time of 4th batch of MBBS students.

(e) & (f): In view of the revised norms for teacher student ratio from 1:1 to 1:2 and information received from various government medical colleges/PG institutes with regard to teaching faculty etc., approximately 2777 PG seats have been increased in 115 government medical colleges across 21 States/UTs.