

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

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SHORTAGE OF PG SEATS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of Post Graduate (PG) seats in the medical stream;
- (b) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the number of PG seats in medical stream;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Chhattisgarh to increase the number of PG seats in medical colleges in the State; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) & (b) As per information furnished by the Medical Council of India (MCI), presently approximately 23,000 students pass out from various medical colleges across the country. Post Graduate facilities are available for nearly 70% of these students. The teacher-student ratio for PG seats has been revised which will facilitate availability of more PG seats.

(c) & (d): The Central Government is devising a scheme for strengthening and upgrading of State Government Medical Colleges by Central Funding during the 11th Plan Period for starting/increase of seats in Postgraduate courses. Funds for this purpose will be released to the eligible State Government Medical Colleges after finalization of the scheme.

The Central Government has received proposal from Pt. JNM Medical College, Raipur, Chhattisgarh to increase the number of PG seats in respect of following courses for the academic year 2010-2011.

- (i) MD (Radio-diagnosis)
- (ii) MD(Obstetrics & Gynaecology)