

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

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MEDICAL AND DENTAL COLLEGES

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

- (a) the total number of medical and dental colleges in the country indicating the number of post graduate and under graduate seats therein, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has made any assessment about the requirement of doctors in the country and the number of colleges needed to fulfil such requirements;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/proposed in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has received proposals from various States for the setting up and upgradation of medical and dental colleges;
- (e) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year along with the action taken thereon, State-wise; and
- (f) the measures taken/proposed to meet the shortage of faculty in the medical colleges?

**Answer**

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

- (a): At present, there are 313 medical colleges and 289 dental colleges in the country. The State-wise details of medical and dental colleges indicating the number of undergraduate and postgraduate seats in these colleges is at Annexure-I & Annexure-II respectively.
- (b) & (c): The Board of Governors, Medical Council of India (MCI) has made an assessment that to achieve a target of doctor population ratio of 1:1000 by 2030, the country would require 15.4 lakhs doctors. The said target could be achieved by increasing the capacity of existing government medical colleges, opening new medical colleges in the existing hospitals of Defence, Employees State Insurance Corporations & Railways and upgrading the district hospitals to medical colleges through Public Private Partnership.
- (d) & (e) A total of 222 proposals for establishing of new medical/dental colleges in various States/UTs were received during the last three years out of which 78 were returned to the applicant on account of deficient/incomplete documents and 144 were forwarded to Medical Council of India (MCI) and Dental Council of India (DCI). Out of these 144 proposals, 43 medical and 55 dental colleges were approved. State-wise status of the proposals is enclosed at Annexure III & Annexure IV. Under the scheme for Strengthening and upgradation of State Government Medical Colleges, a total of 81 proposals have been received and Rs. 16 crores have been released to 10 Government medical colleges. Funds are envisaged to be released to the eligible State Government medical colleges as per their actual requirement. A list of proposals received, state-wise is at annexure-V.
- (f) To meet the shortage of medical faculty in the country, teacher-student ratio have been changed from 1:1 to 1:2 to enhance the intake in Post Graduate and Super-speciality courses. Further, there is also a scheme for strengthening and upgradation of State Government Medical Colleges for starting new Post Graduate (PG) disciplines and increasing PG seats by central funding during 11th Plan.