

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF NURSING SERVICES

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

- (a) the steps taken/proposed by the Government for the development of nursing services to meet the shortage of nurses in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to allow Government as well as private and foreign institutions to open new nursing colleges/schools and introduce basic nursing courses in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of proposals received by the Government for the setting up of nursing colleges/schools in the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Kerala; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN)

(a) to (c) The following steps taken/ proposed by the Government to meet the shortage of nurses in the country:-

- (i) Establishment of 132 Auxiliary Nurse Midwifery (ANM) and 137 General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) schools in those districts which are not having ANM and GNM training Schools.
- (ii) Establishment of 6 Colleges of Nursing at the sites of AIIMS like institutions.
- (iii) Indian Nursing Council has also taken proactive measures to encourage opening of more nursing institutions in private sector. As per the norms of the Indian Nursing Council (INC) foreign institutions are not allowed to open nursing institutions in the country.

(d)&(e) Apart from the opening of above 6 Colleges of Nursing under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), there is no scheme for setting up of new colleges of nursing under the Central Government. 5 high focus states namely Bihar, Orissa, Rajasthan, Punjab and Uttarakhand have sent the proposals for opening of schools of nursing during the current year, action on which has been initiated. The State of Kerala does not figure in the high focus states.