

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

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

- (a) whether the new Board of Governors of the Medical Council of India (MCI) has made assessment of the number of doctors and medical colleges required in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Union Government to increase the Government medical colleges in the country;
- (d) whether there is a shortage of faculty in medical colleges; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to meet this shortage?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Board of Governors of the Medical Council of India (MCI) has made assessment that to achieve a target of doctor population ratio of 1:1000 by 2030 the country would require 15.4 lakh doctors. Further, the said target could be achieved by:

- (i) Increasing the capacity of existing Government Medical Colleges
- (ii) Opening of medical colleges in existing large hospitals of Defence, Employees State Insurance and Railways.
- (iii) Upgrading of existing district hospitals to medical colleges through Public-Private-Partnership model.
- (iv) Building new medical colleges in States with few colleges.

(c) to (e) The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, in consultation with Medical Council of India has taken various steps to increase the number of medical colleges, medical practitioners/faculty viz., relaxed requirements of land for medical college or medical institution, reduced teacher – student ratio, relaxed bed strength of teaching hospitals for opening of more medical colleges. Schemes have also been initiated for providing financial assistance to strengthen and upgrade State medical colleges and teaching institutions for nurses and paramedical personnel.