

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

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

- (a) the steps so far taken by the Government to raise the standard of nursing education and also to make it affordable in the country;
- (b) whether the Union Government has received a number of proposals from the States including Bihar and Uttar Pradesh for the setting up of nursing colleges;
- (c) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the present status of the said proposals?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (d) The following are the steps taken/proposed by the Government: -

- i) In order to update knowledge and skills of nursing personnel, assistance is provided for continuing nursing education programme in various specialty areas. This assistance is raised from Rs. 75000/- to Rs. 1.65 lakh per course during XI plan period.
- ii) In order to increase the availability of graduate nurses assistance is provided to states for upgradation of schools of nursing into colleges of nursing. This assistance has been increased from Rs. 1.50 crores to Rs. 6.00 crores per institution during XI plan period.
- iii) Assistance of Rs. 25.00 lakhs per nursing institution is provided to states for the strengthening of nursing schools/ colleges towards procurement of Audio Visual System, improvement of library, furniture, additions and alterations of hostel building.
- iv) Grant of Rs. 1.00 crore has been provided to selected Nursing Council and Cell in states for strengthening and upgradation of nursing services.
- v) M.Sc. section has been established for faculty development of Government sponsored candidates from high focused states in 5 Nursing Colleges. Annually 60 candidates per year would get trained to join as faculty in School/Colleges of Nursing in high focus states.
- vi) Establishment of 132 Auxiliary Nurse Midwifery (ANM) and 137 General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) schools in Government Sector in those districts which are not having ANM and GNM training Schools.
- vii) Establishment of 6 Colleges of Nursing at the sites of AIIMS like institutions.
- viii) Indian Nursing Council has also taken proactive measures to encourage opening of more nursing institutions (Annexure).

Proposals have been received from 6 high focus states namely Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir, Orissa, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand for opening of schools of nursing during the current year. No proposal has been received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh. Grant of Rs. 98.50 crores has been provided to the State Governments for opening of 43 such institutions. The detail is as given below: -

S.No. State No. of Institution

1. J&K 11

2. Arunachal Pradesh 4

3. Bihar 14

4. Orissa 3

5. Rajasthan 2

6. Uttarakhand 9

Total 43