

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY MEDICAL STUDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has made any provisions for financial assistance to the needy medical students and research scholars enrolled in medical and dental colleges;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria fixed therefor;
- (c) the number of applications received in this regard during the last three years and the current year so far; and
- (d) the number of students assisted along with the quantum of assistance provided during the said period?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): At present, there is no specific Central scheme under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to provide financial assistance to the needy medical students and research scholars enrolled in medical and dental colleges. However, some medical colleges have their own mechanism to provide financial assistance for this purpose. Also some of the medical colleges receive grants from the Departments of Science & Technology, Biotechnology, ICMR etc. for research projects and research scholars receive fellowships from these research projects. Data on number and quantum of assistance is not maintained centrally.