

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

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PG SEATS FOR SPECIALISED MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is shortage of specialized medical professionals in various disciplines in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of post graduate seats in medical colleges to meet the shortage of specialized medical professionals in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of post graduate seats available in the medical colleges across the country, State/UT-wise;
- (e) whether the ratio of PG seats in proportion to population is less than the national average in some States including Chhattisgarh; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the corrective measures taken/proposed in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) There is imbalance in availability of specialized medical professionals in various disciplines like Anatomy, Microbiology, Physiology, Pharmacology, Bio- chemistry, Forensic Medicine, Community Medicine and certain clinical disciplines like Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Paediatrics, Anaesthesiology, General Medicine and General Surgery etc.

(c) to (f) In order to meet the shortage of specialized medical professionals in the country, teacher-student ratio has been revised from 1:1 to 1:2 which has resulted increase of approximately 3000 additional PG seats in various disciplines in Government medical colleges. Also the Central Government has permitted the medical colleges to apply for starting of a PG course in pre and para clinical subjects at the time of admission of 4th batch of MBBS students.

Besides, under the scheme for strengthening and upgradation of State Government Medical Colleges for starting new PG disciplines and increasing PG seats by central funding during 11th Five Year Plan Period, approximately 4000 more PG seats envisage to be increased. The number of PG seats available in the country State/UT wise is at Annexure.