

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
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SHORTAGE OF MEDICAL TEACHERS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is shortage of teachers and employees in the medical colleges across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has made any assessment about the present availability of medical teachers and employees with respect to their requirement in various medical colleges;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of post of medical teachers and employees lying vacant; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken/proposed by the Government to meet the shortage of teachers and also fill up the posts of employees in the medical colleges?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) There is imbalance in availability of medical teachers 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) & (d): The Working Group of Undergraduate Medical Education constituted by Board of Governors has projected that the current need of teaching faculty is approximately 29,400 and the shortfall is estimated around 6340. Data relating to number of posts of medical teachers and employees lying vacant in medical colleges is not centrally maintained.
- (e) The Central Government has initiated the following measures to meet the shortage of teachers in medical college:-
  - (i) DNB qualifications have been recognized for appointment to various faculty positions;
  - (ii) Maximum age for appointment of faculty has been enhanced from 65 to 70 years;
  - (iii) Teacher-student ratio has been increased from 1:1 to 1:2 at postgraduate level;
  - (iv) The Central Government under the scheme "strengthening and up- gradation of state government medical colleges" is providing financial support to state government medical colleges to increase postgraduate seats in various disciplines.