

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:435  
ANSWERED ON:02.09.2011  
MEDICAL AND NURSING COLLEGES  
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin;Singh Shri Bhupendra

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

- (a) whether there is shortage of medical and nursing colleges and also the faculty therein across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of Government and private medical and nursing colleges and the sanctioned strength of the under graduate and post graduate seats therein, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the criteria fixed for the opening of new medical and nursing colleges alongwith the measures taken/proposed by the Government to set up new medical and nursing colleges and also to meet the shortage of faculty therein;
- (d) whether the Government has received a number of proposals from the State Governments for opening new medical and nursing colleges and institutes including one in Sagar in Madhya Pradesh; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year alongwith the action taken/proposed by the Government on each of these proposals, State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 435 FOR 2ND SEPTEMBER, 2011

(a) to (c): The question of shortage of medical and nursing colleges and of faculty must be seen in the context of present availability and distribution of doctors and other health human resources. The current doctor-population ratio is approximately 1:2000. To reach the desired target of 1:1000, the country will require an additional 15.4 lakh doctors. It is not possible to specify the number of colleges this would entail as this would depend on student undertake capacity. However, to facilitate setting up more medical and nursing colleges and to increase the faculty in medical colleges, the Central Government has rationalized the respective norms in terms of teacher- students ratio, land requirement, bed strength, bed occupancy, maximum admission capacity and increase in age of teaching faculty, etc. The sanctioned strength of the undergraduate and postgraduate seats in medical and nursing colleges, State/UT-wise is at Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively.

(d) & (e): Out of 165 proposals received for setting up of new medical colleges during the last three years, 46 proposals were approved including one medical college at Sagar in the year 2009-10. For the current session 2012-13, the last date for receiving the proposal by MCI is 30.09.2011. State-wise status of the proposals received during the last three years is at Annexure-III.

As regards nursing colleges, there is a proposal to set up 6 colleges of nursing at the sites of AIIMS like institutions.