

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

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DOCTOR/PATIENTS RATIO

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

- (a) the details of the present ratio of doctor and patients in rural and urban areas of the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has taken/ proposed any step to improve the ratio of doctor and patients in rural and urban areas of the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise?

Answer

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

(a): The doctor - patient ratio varies from case to case depending upon various factors like type of diseases, nature of specialization, type of treatment required i.e indoor /outdoor. As such no specific data is maintained in this Ministry.

(b) & (c): The Central Government has initiated the following measures to facilitate setting up of medical colleges to increase number of doctors/specialists in the country:

- 1) Requirement for land, faculty, staff, bed/ bed strength, other infrastructure, etc. has been relaxed.
- 2) Maximum intake capacity at MBBS level has been increased from 150 to 250.
- 3) Maximum age for appointment of faculty has been enhanced from 65 to 70 years.
- 4) DNB qualifications have been recognized for appointment to various faculty positions.
- 5) Teacher - student ratio has been relaxed to increase the seats at Postgraduate level.
- 6) The Central Government under the scheme of 'Strengthening and Upgradation of State Government Medical Colleges' is providing financial support to State medical colleges to increase postgraduate seats in various disciplines or start new postgraduate medical courses.