

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

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NURSING SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to streamline and ameliorate the quality of nursing education alongwith success achieved as a result thereof during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether a high-level expert group on health constituted by the Planning Commission has set any target to improve nurse-doctor ratio and recommended opening of a number of new nursing schools and colleges across the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of nursing and midwifery/ schools/colleges functioning at present in the country and the number of seats therein, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the follow up action taken/proposed to open more such nursing and midwifery schools/colleges, particularly in backward and underserved areas of the country, location-wise and State/UT-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has received proposals from various State Governments for setting up of nursing and midwifery schools/colleges across the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year alongwith the present status of each of these proposals, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

- (a) The Ministry of Health And Family Welfare is implementing the scheme of Development of Nursing Services which inter alia include the scheme Training of Nurses , Strengthening of existing Schools/College for improving the quality in Nursing Education. The achievement of the scheme is given at Annexure -I The Indian Nursing council is the statutory body for implementing uniform standard of nursing education in the country. The proactive measures taken by the Indian Nursing Council from 2006-2011 are given at Annexure -II.
- (b) & (c) The High Level Expert Group (HLEG) on Universal Health Coverage report available in the Planning Commission official website mentioned setting up of new nursing schools/ colleges focusing on underserved states over the next decade. The number of nursing and midwifery schools/colleges functioning at present in the country and number of seats is given at Annexure -III-A,III-B,III-C&III-D.
- (d) to (f). Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has implemented the scheme of opening of ANM/GNM schools. All the state Government has been asked to formulate proposal for the identified districts. Proposals received in respect of identified districts have been considered as per the scheme guidelines and the details on proposals received and status of each proposal is given at Annexure -IV.