GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE LOK SABHA

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POST GRADUATE MEDICAL SEATS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether adequate numbers of Post Graduate (PG) medical seats are available as per the requirement in medical colleges across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of PG medical seats and the number of students seeking to enrol for them in a year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to further increase the number of Post Graduate medical seats in addition to the ongoing programme of increasing the number of enrolment of post-graduate students and strengthen/upgrade medical colleges for the purpose;
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of seats proposed to be increased in various medical colleges across the country, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the details of the proposals/requests received from the State Governments in this regard alongwith the action taken/proposed by the Government thereon during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) As per information provided by the Medical Council of India, approximately 32,000 MBBS student pass for which approximately 22,194 Post Graduate (PG) seats are available.. Thus, seats for PG are available for about 70% of students passing out MBBS course throughout the country. State/UT-wise details of PG seats is at Annexure-I.
- (c) & (d) In addition to ongoing programmes, the Central Government has increased the teacher student ratio from 1:2 to 1:3 in certain disciplines and also increased the maximum intake capacity in each unit per year with the objective of increasing PG seats. Further, the Working Groups constituted by the Planning Commission has also made recommendations to augment doctors and specialists and also to provide specialized health care services by strengthening government medical colleges and central government health institutions. The proposed scheme envisages 10,000 additional PG seats during the 12th Plan period. However, it depends on the plan allocation and priorities finalized.
- (e) Under the present Centrally Sponsored Scheme for strengthening and up gradation of state government medical colleges, 93 proposals have been received during the last 03 years and an amount of Rs. 501.00 crores has been disbursed to 72 eligible medical colleges A state-wise detail of funds released under the present scheme are at Annexure-II.