

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL COLLEGES

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of skewed distribution of medical colleges across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the distribution of medical colleges and availability of undergraduate and postgraduate medical seats across the country, region-wise;
- (c) the number of medical colleges set up along with the number of undergraduate and post graduate medical seats increased during the last three years, region-wise; and
- (d) the further steps taken/proposed by the Government to address geographic and rural-urban imbalance in medical training and availability of human resource in health in the country?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): There is imbalance growth of medical colleges and availability of medical specialist in the country. The region-wise distribution of medical college and availability of undergraduate and postgraduate medical seats is at Annexure-I.
- (c): During the last three years, permission has been granted for setting up of 55 new medical colleges. The region-wise detail is at Annexure-II, Annexure-III and Annexure-IV.
- (d): In order to facilitate setting up more medical colleges, the Central Government has rationalized the Medical Council of India's norms in terms of teacher-students ratio, land requirement, bed strength, bed occupancy, maximum admission capacity and increase in age of teaching faculty, etc. with special relaxations to North Eastern states. Further, the Central Government is also implementing a scheme for strengthening and upgradation of state government medical colleges for increasing post graduate seats.