

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

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UPGRADATION OF DISTRICT HOSPITALS TO MEDICAL COLLEGES

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade district hospitals to medical colleges across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the district hospitals identified and criteria adopted for the purpose, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the funds earmarked and allocated for the purpose, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the time by which all the district hospitals are likely to be upgraded to medical colleges in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) to (d): At present, the Central Government has no scheme to upgrade district hospitals to medical colleges across the country. However, High Level Expert Group (HLEG) in its Report has recommended establishment of new medical colleges in underserved districts preferably by linking the new medical colleges to district hospitals. Opening of new medical colleges attached district hospitals depends on the plan allocation and priorities finalized.