

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1318

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NURSING INSTITUTIONS

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of shortage of trained nurses and midwives in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the present ratio of nurse-patient in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the number of nursing diploma schools, nursing degree schools and nursing colleges in the country indicating the number of seats therein, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to open more such educational institutions to impart nursing training across the country, location-wise and State/ UT-wise; and
- (e) the number of proposals received by the Government for setting up of nursing institutions and those approved and still pending for approval during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes. As per Planning Commission's National Taskforce Report there would be a gap of 9.55 lakhs nurses by 2012 of which 2 to 3 lakhs would be in the Government facilities alone. The nurse-patient ratio varies from state to state, district to district and institution to institution. Further, the ratio varies to meet the needs of different units and shifts according to acuity of care, size and location.

(c): A statement is enclosed at Annexure – I.

(d) & (e): Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Strengthening/upgradation of Nursing Services the Government has released funds for opening of Auxillary Nurse Midwife (ANM)/General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) Institutes in various states, as per state-wise statement showing list of such locations/districts at Annexure – II. Opening of Institutes under the said scheme depends on proposals received from the States as per the scheme guidelines.