

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF MEDICAL COLLEGES

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

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposals for the modernisation of Medical Colleges in various States including Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;and

(c) the details of the financial assistance provided to each medical college for the purpose during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (c): Yes. Proposals were received from various State Governments for strengthening and upgradation of State Government Medical Colleges under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) and also under a new centrally sponsored scheme which aims at increasing Postgraduate seats and introducing new Postgraduate courses in various medical colleges. The new scheme is yet to be approved by Planning Commission/CCEA.

Under Phase I of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), it has been decided to upgrade 13 existing Government medical college institutions, each at an outlay of Rs.120 Cr. with Rs.100 cr. contributed from Government of India and Rs.20 Cr. from the State Governments/Ministry of Human Resource Development in the case of institutions under their administrative control. Insofar as State of Gujarat is concerned, B.J. Medical College, Ahmedabad is being upgraded under the scheme. Upgradation work started in all the 13 medical college institutions and targeted to complete by the end of 2009-10. In addition, it is also proposed to upgrade 6 more medical college institutions in the second phase of PMSSY, each at an outlay of Rs.125 Cr. with Rs.100 Cr. from Government of India and Rs.25 Cr. from State Governments/Ministry of Human Resource Development. Upgradation plans of these medical colleges are being worked out with the State Governments. List of medical college institutions being upgraded in the first phase of PMSSY and proposed to be upgraded in the second phase is annexed.

Upgradation plan of the medical colleges under the PMSSY is approved by Government of India and capital expenditure is incurred on the approved items of work. There is no provision for granting financial assistance to the medical college institutions under the upgradation scheme.