

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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MEDICAL COLLEGES IN NORTH EASTERN STATES
Toppo Shri Joseph

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

- (a) the total number of Medical Colleges in North Eastern States, State-wise;
- (b) the ratio of doctors against the total Population in each of these States;
- (c) whether the Medical and Trauma facilities are in a very bad in these States;and
- (d) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the medical facilities in North Eastern States?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRVEDI)

(a) &(b): At present, there are 7 (seven) medical colleges in North Eastern States. The list of such medical colleges is at Annexure-I. The ratio of doctors against the total population in each of North Eastern States is at Annexure-II.

(c) & (d): To improve the medical facilities in the country including North Eastern States, Medical Council of India Regulations have been reviewed and amended suitably with regard to land requirement, bed strength, teacher-student ratio etc. to facilitate setting up of more medical colleges and also enhance the intake in Post Graduate and Super-speciality courses.

Under the scheme 'Forward Linkages for National Rural Health Mission in North Eastern States', upgradation of Gauwahati Medical College(GMC) and establishment of a Super-Speciality Hospital at GMC, Assam have been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs. 88.75 crores. In addition to above, 41 district hospitals in North Eastern States have also been taken up for upgradation. Under the Scheme "Assistance for Capacity Building" financial assistance are provided to State government hospitals for upgradation and strengthening of trauma care facility located on the Golden Quadrilateral, North- South and East-West corridors of the national highways.