

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2897
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2013
RAILWAY MEDICAL NURSING COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of setting up of medical colleges and nursing colleges by the Railways in the country, location-wise;
- (b) the criteria adopted by the Railways for selection of the locations for the purpose;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways for setting up of such colleges under backward, scheduled and left wing affected areas in the country including the State of Chhattisgarh;
- (d) the time-frame set for setting up of the said colleges; and
- (e) the details of medical/nursing colleges set up by the Railways during the 10th and 11th Five Year Plans?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid down on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2897 BY SHRIMATI DARSHANA JARDOSH AND SHRI MADHUSUDAN YADAV TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.03.2013 REGARDING RAILWAY MEDICAL/NURSING COLLEGES

(a) to (c) In the Budget 2009-10, 18 Medical Colleges were announced to be set up with existing Railway hospitals on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode at Chennai, Hyderabad, Bilaspur, Lucknow, Barasat, Bhubaneswar, Mysore, Kharagpur, Guwahati, Dibrugarh, Jodhpur, Gardenreach, Nagpur, Ahmedabad, B.R. Singh Hospital, Bhopal, Jammu and Trivandrum. Further, 07 Nursing Colleges were also announced to be set up on Railway land on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode at Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai (Kalyan), Chennai, Secunderabad, Lucknow and Jabalpur.

To begin with to set up Medical Colleges 05 locations viz. Chennai, Guwahati, Kharagpur, Lucknow and Secunderabad where Medical Council of India (MCI) norms with respect to hospital bed strength and land etc. are more or less being met have been identified for Phase-I. M/s RITES has been appointed and awarded with the work of consultancy and preparing bid documents for selection of a private partner for Phase-I. Remaining 13 Medical Colleges are to be taken up subsequently.

Out of Seven Nursing Colleges, the construction work for Nursing College at Kolkata (Majerhat) is in the final stage of completion. For other locations, Zones have invited Expression of Interest to gauge the interest of private partners in setting up of Nursing Colleges on PPP mode.

(d) Setting up of Medical/Nursing Colleges is a long drawn process as it involves multiple tasks viz. fulfilling minimum Medical Council of India (MCI)/Indian Nursing Council (INC) criteria with respect to land and Hospital beds, finding an eligible private partner as the project being of PPP mode, appointment of faculty, other manpower and recognition of MCI/INC etc. Therefore, it is not possible to indicate a definite time frame at this juncture.

(e) No Medical/Nursing Colleges were set up by the Railways during the 10th and 11th Five Year Plans.