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SHORTAGE OF TEACHING FACULTY IN MEDICAL EDUCATION

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

(a) whether there is a shortage of teaching faculty in nursing, dental and medical colleges including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective measures taken/ proposed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The requirement of teaching faculty in any nursing, dental or medical college is determined by the regulations framed by the respective professional Councils. An institution is given recognition/renewal by the respective Council only on meeting the minimum standard requirements as per the regulations. In so far as AIIMS is concerned the sanctioned posts of faculty at the institute is 823 out of which 526 are in position. In teaching faculty in nursing the institute has 17 sanctioned posts of tutors and 19 posts of lecturers out of which 15 tutors and 9 lecturers are in position. Steps have been taken to fill up the vacant positions in AIIMS.

(c) In order to meet the increasing need of human resource in health the Government has taken a number of measures over the last few years which inter-alia include.

(i) Relaxation in the norms for setting up of a medical college in terms of requirement for land, faculty, staff, bed/ bed strength and other infrastructure.

(ii) Relaxation in teacher-student ratio to increase the seats at Postgraduate level.

(iii) Enhancement of maximum intake capacity at MBBS level from 150 to 250.

(iv) Enhancement of age limit for appointment/ extension/re-employment against posts of teachers/dean/ principal/director in medical colleges from 65 to 70 years.

(v) Setting up of new medical colleges.

(vi) Financial support to State medical colleges, under the scheme of "Strengthening and Upgradation of State Government Medical Colleges", to increase postgraduate seats in various disciplines or to start new postgraduate medical courses

(vii) Approval for establishment of eight AIIMS-like institutions (six in first phase and two in second phase) in the country under PMSSY.