

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AVAILABILITY OF MEDICAL COLLEGES

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of unequal distribution of medical colleges and availability of undergraduate and postgraduate medical seats in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the corrective measures taken and various amendments made by the Government in the existing regulations to address the problem, particularly in the underserved States/Union-territories;
- (d) whether the Government has assessed the extent of success as a result of the above measures/amendments including incentives to doctors who are willing to work in underserved States/UTs/areas in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details along with the outcome thereof and the other measures taken/proposed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): There is imbalance growth of medical colleges and availability of medical seats in the country. The region-wise distribution of medical college and availability of undergraduate and postgraduate medical seats is Annexed.

(c) To increase the number of MBBS and PG seats, the Central Government, in consultation with Medical Council of India(MCI) has relaxed the norms in terms of teacher student's ratio, enhancement of maximum intake capacity at MBBS level, requirement of land, faculty, staff bed strength and other infrastructure for setting up of medical colleges. For establishment of medical colleges the requirement of land is further relaxed to be in two pieces in the States of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, NE States, Union Territories of A&N Islands, Daman & Diu, Dadar & Nagar Haveli, Lakshadweep and in Hilly areas and notified tribal areas. Apart from this, financial assistance has been granted to 72 State Government Medical Colleges under the Scheme of "Strengthening and Upgradation of State Government Medical Colleges to increase PG seats in various disciplines". It is envisaged that about 4000 PG seats would increase under the scheme. In addition, two new schemes namely

- (i) Establishment of new Medical Colleges by upgrading the district hospitals, and
- (ii) Strengthening of State Government Medical Colleges for increasing MBBS seats have been approved in 12th Plan.

(d) & (e) The MCI with the prior approval of the Central Government made amendments to its Post Graduate Medical Education Regulations to encourage doctors to serve in the rural areas. However, no assessment has been done centrally by the Government.