

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5151

ANSWERED ON:26.04.2013

SHORTAGE OF FACULTY MEMBERS IN MEDICAL COLLEGES

Sugumar Shri K. ;Vishwanath Shri Adagur H

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the availability and requirement of faculty members in medical colleges and other disciplines of medical sciences, particularly in view of the establishment of a number of AIIMS like institutions in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) the corrective measures taken/proposed by the Government to meet the requirement of faculty members in the medical education in the country;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to allow postgraduate diploma holder doctors employed in medical colleges to join the teaching faculty; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) & (b) The requirement of teaching faculty in any medical college and other disciplines of medical sciences 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.

Insofar as the six new AIIMS being set up under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana at Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Jodhpur, Patna, Raipur and Rishikesh are concerned, the requirement of faculty has been assessed and the number of faculty assessed is 289 posts.

(c) A number of steps have been taken in order to meet the increasing need of medical faculty, which include the following:

- (i) the teacher student ratio in postgraduate courses has been increased to 1:2. The ratio has further been increased to 1:3 for some specialities such as Anaesthesiology, Forensic Science and Radio-therapy.
- (ii) Age limit for appointment/extension/re-employment against posts of teachers/ dean/principal/ director in medical colleges has been enhanced from 65 to 70 years
- (iii) DNB qualifications have also been recognized for appointment to various faculty posts in medical colleges.

(d) & (e) As per the existing Medical Council of India regulations, doctors with Postgraduate Diploma qualifications can be employed in medical colleges/institutions as Tutor/ Demonstrator / Residents / Senior Residents.