

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

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

- (a) the number of Government and private medical colleges recognised by the Medical Council of India (MCI) in the country indicating the number of MBBS and PG seats therein, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to increase the number of MBBS and PG seats in various disciplines in these colleges to meet the required number of health professionals in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to set up new medical colleges in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has received recommendations/proposals to establish new medical colleges affiliated to district hospitals, particularly in the underserved districts; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof including the action taken/proposed by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

- (a) At present, there are 362 recognized/permitted medical colleges in the country, out of which 168 are in Government sector and 194 in private sector. The intake capacity for MBBS course of these medical colleges is 45629 annually and 22850 for postgraduate courses. The state-wise details of MBBS seats and Post Graduate (PG) seats are at Annexure-I & II.
- (b) & (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. Further, 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 attached with district hospitals, and
 - (ii) Strengthening of State Government Medical Colleges for increasing MBBS seats have been approved in principle by Planning Commission.
- (d) & (e) For the academic year 2013-14, MCI has received 4 proposals from State Governments for establishment of new medical colleges wherein they have opted for District Hospital utilization. The last date for grant of permission for establishment of medical colleges is 15th June, 2013.