

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MEDICAL EDUCATION

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

- (a) the number of foreign students studying medical, dental and nursing courses in the country;
- (b) the number of Indian students studying medical, dental and nursing courses abroad;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to improve and upgrade the medical, dental and nursing education facilities in the country;
- (d) whether the Medical Council of India (MCI) has decided/proposed to include chapters on issues relating to sex ratio for MBBS students in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): The data relating to the number of foreign students studying medical, dental and nursing in the country is not maintained centrally.
- (b): No such data is maintained centrally. However, Medical Council of India (MCI) and Dental Council of India (DCI) issue eligibility certificates to students going abroad to study medicine and dentistry respectively. MCI has informed that it has issued 1150 eligibility certificates between 01.04.2013 to 22.08.2013 and DCI has informed only 60 eligibility certificates have been issued by the Council from 2009 till 22.08.2013.
- (c): The Ministry of Health and Family welfare has initiated the following steps/schemes to improve and upgrade the medical, dental and nursing education in the country:-
 - (i) Establishment of new Medical Colleges attached with District Hospital
 - (ii) Strengthening of State Government Medical Colleges for increasing MBBS seats
 - (iii) Under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY) the Central Government has established 6 new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and is upgrading 19 State Government Medical Colleges. In the second phase of PMSSY the Central Government has also approved establishment of two new AIIMS at Raebareli in Uttar Pradesh and Raiganj in West Bengal.
 - (iv) In order to increase the undergraduate/postgraduate medical seats, Central Government, in consultation with 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.
 - (v) Central Government is providing financial assistance for up-gradation of State Government Medical Colleges to increase PG seats in various disciplines.
 - (vi) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of strengthening/up-gradation of Nursing Services the Government has approved 132 Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) Schools and 137 General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) Schools in various States. The Scheme aims to build capacity, improve the infrastructure in nursing institutions and improve quality of nursing education.
- (d) & (e): Yes. The Academic Council Committee of Medical Council of India in its meeting held on 12th July, 2013 has proposed that issues relating to sex ratio should be framed as a part of the teaching of Ethics.