

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1396  
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MEDICAL SEATS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has increased/proposed to increase the number of graduate and post-graduate seats in the existing medical colleges across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed by the Government to scale up /upgrade infrastructure, manpower and teaching staff for the purpose, State/UTwise;
- (c) whether the Government/the Medical Council of India (MCI) has received a number of proposals for increase of MBBS and PG seats and also for commencement of new post-graduate courses in the existing medical colleges;
- (d) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) the action taken/proposed by the Government/MCI thereon, proposal and State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (b): Yes , increase of seats in MBBS and Post-Graduate courses in the medical colleges across the country is a continuous process. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare/Medical Council of India (MCI) do receive requests from medical colleges for increase in UG/PG seats on regular basis. On receipt of such requests assessment is conducted by the MCI to assess the availability of infrastructure, manpower and teaching staff and recommendations are considered keeping in view of the assessment reports.

To ensure availability of trained human resources in health sector, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has implemented a new centrally sponsored scheme with a funding pattern of 75% by the Centre and 25% by the State Government for strengthening and upgradation of State Government Medical Colleges for starting new PG disciplines and increasing PG seats by central funding at a total plan outlay of Rs.1350 crores. Details of allocation of funds and number of PG seats to be increased State/UT wise under the scheme is at Annexure - I.

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.

(c) to (d): Yes, during the last three years and the current year Medical Council of India has received proposals for increase in MBBS seats details of which is at Annexure - II.

Further during the year 2012-13, 2013-14 & 2014-15 increase in the PG seats are as follows:

2012 - 2013  
Proposal received Seats Increased  
1807 1443

2013 - 2014  
Proposal received Seats Increased  
1825 1346

2014-2015  
Proposal received Seats Increased  
1609 As per the time schedule the last date  
for grant of permission is 28th February  
2014 for the academic session 2014-2015.