

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:255

ANSWERED ON:07.02.2014

MEDICAL COLLEGES

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

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any study to assess the availability/shortage of medical colleges and the quality of medical education being imparted therein in various States/UTs across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to scale up the availability of medical colleges and quality of medical education therein across the country;
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposals relating to setting up of medical colleges from various States/UTs including Kerala and Odisha; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed by the Government thereon, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

(a)to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 255 FOR 7TH FEBRUARY, 2014

(a)&(b): As per the High Level Expert Group (HLEG) report presented to Planning Commission, we need additional 187 medical colleges in underserved districts during XIIth & XIIIth Plan. At present, there are 387 medical colleges including 7 AIIMS with 51979 MBBS and 24196 postgraduate seats in the country.

The current doctor population ratio in the country is approximately 1:1700 which yields a density of 0.5 doctors per thousand population, which is not adequate.

(c)to(e) To facilitate setting up of more medical colleges and to increase the intake capacity in various medical colleges, the Central Government has amended the respective regulations in terms of teacher-students ratio, land requirement, bed strength, bed occupancy, maximum admission capacity, increase in age of teaching faculty and allowing establishment of government medical colleges in two piece of land within 10 Kms. The Medical Council of India has received 105 proposals for establishment of new medical colleges in various States/UTs for the academic year 2014-15, out of which 13 proposals are from Kerala. Government of Odisha has sent a proposal under the Central Sponsored Scheme for upgrading some district hospitals to Medical Colleges.

The Central Government has also approved three Centrally Sponsored Schemes viz:

(i) Upgradation of existing 58 district hospitals with the bed strength of 200 or more in underserved areas in to medical colleges with a Central Outlay of Rs.8457.4 crores out of total cost of 10971.1 crores with the fund sharing ratio between the Central Government and State/UT to the tune of 90:10 for North Eastern and Special Category States and 75:25 for other states. This would create an additional 5800 MBBS seats in the country

(ii) Increasing the number of UG seats in Government Medical Colleges from 50/100/150/200 to 100/150/200/250 with a Central Outlay of Rs. 7500 crores out of total cost of Rs.10000 crores with the fund sharing ratio between the Central Government and State/UT to the tune of 90:10 for North Eastern and Special Category States and 70:30 for other states. This would result into creation of 10000 additional MBBS seats; and

(iii) Increasing the number of PG Seats in Government Medical Colleges with a Central share of Rs. 1350 crore with the fund sharing ratio between the Central Government and State/UT to the tune of 75:25.