

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

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

- (a) whether there is adequate number of paramedical institutes to meet the demand of skilled paramedical professionals in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has proposed to set up National Institute of Paramedical Sciences (NIPS) and Regional Institutes of Paramedical Sciences (RIPS) in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated/utilised for the purpose and the time by which these are likely to be functional in the country, location and State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to improve the standards of paramedical education and train adequate number of paramedical staff in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): In the absence of central regulatory body, the number of paramedical institute can't be counted. As per the report of Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) released in December 2012, there is a shortfall of approximately 64 lakh Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) in various health cadres in the country. Cadre-wise details of shortfall of AHPs is Annexed.

(c) to (e): Government of India is setting up one National Institute of Paramedical Sciences (NIPS) at Najafgarh (Delhi) and eight Regional Institutes of Paramedical Sciences (RIPS) at Nagpur (Maharashtra), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Bhubaneswar (Odisha), Chandigarh (UT), Coimbatore (Tamilnadu), Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh), Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh) and Bhagalpur (Bihar) under the centrally sponsored scheme namely "Establishment of NIPS, RIPS and Supporting the State Govt. Medical College for conducting paramedical courses through one time grant". Detailed Project Report (DPR) of NIPS, Najafgarh (Delhi) and five RIPS (Bhubaneswar, Nagpur, Chandigarh, Coimbatore and Bhagalpur) at a total cost of 1385.45 Crore to be shared in the ratio of 85:15 between Central and the State Govts. have been prepared. Under the Scheme Rs. 86.685 Cr. has been incurred so far.

Under manpower development component of the above scheme, Govt. of India has released Rs. 21.22 crore to 5 Medical Colleges of Maharashtra and Rajasthan.