

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to create more Post Graduate seats in the medical colleges;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposals from the State Governments including the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to increase the number of PG seats in respect of various courses in the medical colleges;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

- (a) to (e): The Central Government has recently amended Medical Council of India Regulations
- (i) by relaxing medical teacher-student ratio from 1:1 to 1:2
 - (ii) by allowing the medical colleges to start certain Post Graduate(PG) courses even before recognition of MBBS degree and
 - (iii) by reducing the teacher experience by one year for the post of professor/associate professor in the respective feeder cadre.

Further the Central Government has envisaged scheme to provide financial assistance to the State Government Medical Colleges during the 11th Five Year Plan period for starting/increasing seats in PG medical courses. The Central Government has received proposals in this regard from 18 States including Andhra Pradesh. The funds are envisaged to be allocated to the medical colleges only after the finalization of the scheme. A list of proposals received, state wise, is at Annexure.