

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

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NURSING INSTITUTIONS

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of shortage of trained nurses and midwives in the country and if so, the details thereof indicating the present ratio of nurse-patient in the country, State/ UT-wise;
- (b) the number of diploma/degree schools and colleges imparting nursing education in the country indicating the number of seats therein, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to open new nursing educational institutions in the country, location and State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has received a number of proposals from the States/UTs for setting up/upgradation of nursing institutions; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the proposals cleared and still pending for approval indicating the reasons for their pendency during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) : Yes. As per the High Level Expert Group Report 2011 on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) for India constituted by the Planning Commission, it is estimated that service guarantees under UHC will require an increase in the availability of nurses from around 0.90 million in 2011 to 1.7 million by 2017 and 2.7 million by 2022.

The nurse-patient ratio varies from state to state, district to district and institution to institution. Further, the ratio varies for different units and shifts according to acuity of care, size and location.

(b) The number of nursing schools and colleges in the country is enclosed as Annexure – I.

(c) to (e): Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Strengthening/upgradation of Nursing Services the Government has sanctioned certain districts in various States for opening of Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM)/General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) Institutes, as per statement at Annexure – II. Opening of Institutes under the said scheme depends on proposals received from the States as per the scheme guidelines.