

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:147

ANSWERED ON:25.11.2016

Medical Colleges

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

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

- (a) the number of private and Government medical colleges including nursing colleges in the country along with the seats available in under graduate and post graduate level in medical science, stream-wise, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the total number of seats lying vacant in these medical colleges at present along with the steps being taken by the Government for filling up these vacant seats;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to open new medical and nursing colleges in the country and if so, the details thereof indicating the funds released for the purpose, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether there is an acute shortage of faculty members/teachers in the specialized streams in various medical colleges and if so, the details thereof and corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to upgrade the existing Government medical colleges and institutes and if so, the details thereof, State/UT wise along with the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA  
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- (a) Details are given at Annexure I to III.
- (b) The seats in Medical Colleges for the year 2016-17 were filled on merit basis from among students who qualified National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET). However, State Governments were allowed to conduct their own State Level Entrance Examination for filling the Government seats in Government & Private Colleges. The last date for admission in MBBS course was 30.9.2016 which was extended upto 7.10.2016 for seven States as per orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The Medical Council of India (MCI) which collects details of admissions has informed that only 418 medical colleges have so far entered the details of MBBS students admitted in different medical colleges in their monitoring software and hence it is not yet in a position to give the number of vacant seats for the academic year 2016-17.
- (c) The Central Government is implementing the following Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely;
- i) Establishment of new medical college attached with district/ referral Hospitals.
  - ii) Strengthening/ upgradation of Nursing Services.
  - iii) Upgradation of School of Nursing into College of Nursing.
- Details of funds released so far are at Annexure IV to VI.
- (d) Permissions for starting of a Medical College/yearly renewal permission/recognition of degree is granted by the Central Government on the recommendations made by the MCI after assessment of facilities available as per the regulations prescribing minimum requirements in terms of infrastructure, faculty and clinical material. The Medical College which fail to meet the required standards are not given permissions/renewal permission / recognition.
- The Government does not centrally maintain data of vacant posts in medical colleges. It is for the respective state government / institutions to fill the vacancies as and when they arise. However, a number of measures have been taken in order to meet the shortage of doctors / faculty in Medical Colleges in the country; these include:
- i. The ratio of teachers to students has been revised from 1:1 to 1:2 for all MD/MS disciplines and 1:1 to 1:3 in subjects of Anaesthesiology, Forensic Medicine, Radiotherapy, Medical Oncology and Surgical Oncology, Physiology.
  - ii. DNB qualification has been recognized for appointment as faculty to take care of shortage of faculty.
  - iii. Enhancement of age limit for appointment/extension/re-employment against posts of teachers/dean/principal/ director in medical

colleges from 65-70 years.

iv. Strengthening/upgradation of State Government Medical Colleges for starting new PG courses/Increase of PG seats.

(e) The Central Government is implementing the following two Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely;

i) Upgradation of existing State Government/ Central Government medical colleges to increase seats in the country

ii) Strengthening/ upgradation of State Government medical colleges for starting new PG Specialities and increasing PG seats.

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