

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2137
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DIPLOMA AND DEGREE PHARMACY INSTITUTIONS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of diploma and degree pharmacy institutions along with the number of seats therein in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the number of diploma and degree pharmacy institutions set up during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the estimated number of pharmacists vis-a-vis their present requirements in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) has urged the States/UT to assess the total requirement of pharmacists while considering the proposal of new diploma/degree pharmacy institutions, if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to set up new diploma/ degree pharmacy institutions in the underserved States/UTs?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

- (a): Two statements showing the State-wise number of Diploma and Degree Pharmacy Institutions approved u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 are enclosed at Annexure-I & II.
- (b): Information is given in the Statement enclosed as Annexure-III.
- (c): The State-wise number of registered pharmacists available in the country is given in the list enclosed as Annexure-IV. No survey has been conducted by the Pharmacy Council of India to assess the requirement of Pharmacists in the country.
- (d): Yes. None of the States have informed Government of India regarding the assessment of requirement of Pharmacists.
- (e): The Government of India is taking steps to strengthen Pharmacy Institutes in the underserved States/UTs under the scheme for Strengthening/ Up-gradation of Pharmacy Institutions and continuing education programme for faculty and practicing pharmacists. Under the first component of this scheme, nine diploma level pharmacy institutes are being upgraded to degree level institutes.