

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

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DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL AND PARAMEDICAL COLLEGES INSTITUTES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether imbalance in distribution of medical and paramedical colleges/institutes is a big impediment in providing effective healthcare to people across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of medical and paramedical colleges/institutes along with the number of seats therein across the country, State/ UT-wise;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to address the geographic and rural-urban imbalance in distribution of medical and paramedical colleges/institutes in the country;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to set up medical and paramedical colleges/institutes and Post Graduate institutions for medical education and research, particularly in the underserved areas of the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) & (b) There is imbalanced growth of medical colleges/institutions and availability of medical specialist in the country affecting the delivery of healthcare to people across the country. The list of medical colleges/institutes along with number of seats therein across the country is at ANNEXURE-I. However, there is no regulatory body for paramedical education and as such no data is available centrally.

(c) This Ministry has reviewed the Medical Council of India Regulations and amendments have been made to address the geographic and rural-urban imbalance. In hilly areas and notified tribal areas, North Eastern States and Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Daman & Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Lakshadweep medical colleges can be established land in two pieces of land at a distance of not more than 10 km. Relaxation to set up a medical college in two pieces of land and to utilize an existing district hospital to be attached to a medical college has been extended to 8 underserved states of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(d) & (e) There is a centrally sponsored scheme (CSS) for "Establishment of new medical colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals". Under the scheme 58 districts in the underserved areas of the country have been identified.

The details of such districts/referral hospitals State/UT-wise is placed at ANNEXURE-II.

The scheme has the provision of fund sharing between the Central Government and States in the ratio of 90:10 for NE/Special category states and 75:25 for other states. To address the shortage of manpower in the field of Allied Health Professionals, there is Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) namely "Establishment of National Institutes of Paramedical Sciences (NIPS), Regional Institute of Paramedical Sciences (RIPS) and supporting the State Govt. Medical College for conducting paramedical courses through one time grant.