

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 276  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 05<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2023**

**HEALTHCARE WORKERS IN THE COUNTRY**

**276. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM:**

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

- (a) the number of medical colleges and nursing colleges in the country at present, Statewise;
- (b) the number of doctors and nurses who are being graduated in the country each year, whether all these health workers are working in the country itself, the percentage of them who are going abroad after acquiring qualification in the country;
- (c) the details of the doctor-patient, nurse-patient ratio in the country presently, and the actions taken by Government to improve this ratio; and
- (d) the manner in which Government is planning to ensure better facilities and salaries to these health care workers in order to avail their services in the country?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
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(a) to (d): The Government has increased number of medical colleges and subsequently increased MBBS seats. There is an increase of 82% in medical colleges from 387 before 2014 to 706 as of now. Further, there is an increase of 112% in MBBS seats from 51,348 before 2014 to 1,08,940 as of now, there is also an increase of 127% in PG seats from 31,185 before 2014 to 70,674 as of now.

As per the National Medical Commission and Indian Nursing Council, there is a total of 706 medical colleges and 2268 nursing colleges in the country as of now. The State/UT wise details of medical and nursing colleges in the Country are at Annexure –I. A total of 1,08,940

MBBS students and 120585 nurses will graduate in the academic year 2023-24. Further, no centralized data is maintained by the Ministry of these health workers who are going abroad after acquiring qualification in the country.

There are 13,08,009 allopathic doctors registered with the State Medical Councils and the National Medical Commission (NMC) as on June, 2022. Assuming 80% availability of registered allopathic doctors and 5.65 lakh AYUSH doctors, the doctor-population ratio in the country is 1:834. Further, as per the Indian Nursing Council (INC) records, there are 36.14 lakh registered nursing personnel in the country resulting in a nurse to population ratio of 2.10 nurses per thousand population.

The Government has taken following steps to improve the doctor-population and nurse-population ratio : -

- i. Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for establishment of new medical colleges by upgrading district/ referral hospital under which 157 new medical colleges have been approved, out of which 108 are already functional.
- ii. CSS for strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/ Central Government medical colleges to increase the number of MBBS (UG) and PG seats.
- iii. Under “Upgradation of Government medical colleges by construction of Super Specialty Blocks” of PMSSY scheme, a total of 75 projects have been approved, of which 64 projects are complete.
- iv. Under the Central Sector Scheme for setting up of new AIIMS, 22 AIIMS have been approved. Undergraduate courses have started in 19 of these.
- v. Under the CSS, nursing colleges will be established in conjunction with the approved 157 medical colleges.
- vi. Relaxation in the norms for setting up of medical college in terms of requirement for faculty, staff, bed strength and other infrastructure.
- vii. DNB qualification has been recognized for appointment as teaching faculty to take care of shortage of faculty.
- viii. Enhancement of age limit for appointment/ extension/ re-employment against posts of teachers/dean/principal/ director in medical colleges upto 70 years.
- ix. The requirement of land for School/College of Nursing and Hostel has been relaxed.

- x. Relaxation in the norms of having a 100 bedded parent hospital for hilly and tribal areas has been done.
- xi. The student teacher ratio for M.Sc.(N) programme has been relaxed from 1:5 to 1:10.
- xii. Student patient ratio for Nursing Institutions has been relaxed from 1:5 to 1:3.
- xiii. Maximum number of 100 seats for Nursing College to be given to parent hospitals with 300 beds without insisting for a Medical College.
- xiv. Distance from school/college to hospital relaxed.
- xv. Eligibility criteria to admission for Diploma and Degree has been relaxed.
- xvi. Relaxation in norms for opening M.Sc. (N) programme by allowing Super Speciality Hospital to start M.Sc. (N) without having under graduate programme.

Government ensures adequate working conditions for all health care personnel including doctors and nurses in various healthcare establishments and makes efforts to improve them. These working conditions are governed by various Acts and government orders, which are framed to provide a conducive working environment to health professionals in order to enhance patient care and contribute substantially to the overall healthcare outcomes.

A Committee was constituted in February 2016, as per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court to look into the issues of pay and working conditions of the nurses working in private hospitals/ institutes. The recommendations of the Committee were forwarded to all States/ UTs.

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## Annexure - I

S.No.	Name of the State/UT	Total Number of Medical colleges	Total Number of Nursing colleges
1	Andaman & Nicorbar Island	1	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	37	138
3	Arunchal Pradesh	1	5
4	Assam	13	21
5	Bihar	21	15
6	Chandigarh	1	2
7	Chhattisgarh	14	114
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	1
9	Delhi	10	15
10	Goa	1	6
11	Gujarat	40	98
12	Haryana	15	39
13	Himachal Pradesh	8	34
14	Jammu & Kashmir	12	18
15	Jharkhand	9	28
16	Karnataka	70	367
17	Kerala	33	145
18	Madhya Pradesh	27	156
19	Maharashtra	68	101
20	Manipur	4	12
21	Meghalaya	1	4
22	Mizoram	1	4
23	Nagaland	1	1
24	Odisha	17	48
25	Puducherry	9	12
26	Punjab	12	120
27	Rajasthan	35	166
28	Sikkim	1	4
29	Tamil Nadu	74	196
30	Telangana	56	88
31	Tripura	2	5
32	Uttar Pradesh	68	170
33	Uttarakhand	8	31
34	West Bengal	35	102
35	Daman & Diu	0	1
36	Lakshadweep	0	1