

**Assessment on availability of Medical Colleges**

108. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI:

SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

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

(a) whether Government has undertaken any study to assess the availability/shortage of Medical Colleges in the country and doctors per citizen ratio;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(c) the steps taken or proposed by Government to scale up the availability of medical colleges to maintain doctor and citizen ratio;

(d) whether Government has received any proposals relating to setting up of medical colleges from various States/UTs including Maharashtra; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed by Government thereon, State/UT-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) and (b) No such study has been conducted. However, as per MCI records, there are 9.29 lakh doctors registered in the Indian Medical Register as on 31.03.2014. Assuming 80% availability, it is estimated that around 7.4 lakh doctors may be actually available for active service. It gives a doctor-population ratio of 1:1674 against the WHO norm of 1:1000. Besides, there are an estimated 6.77 lakh AUH doctors in the country. If the Allopathic and AUH streams are considered together, it gives a doctor availability ratio of 1:855, which is better than the WHO norms.

(c) The Government has undertaken the following Centrally Sponsored Schemes for medical colleges:

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

(ii) Establishment of New Medical Colleges by upgrading district/referral hospitals preferably in underserved districts of the country.

(iii) Strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/Central Government Medical Colleges to increase MBBS seats.

(d) and (e) A total number of 91 proposals for establishment of new medical colleges were received by the Government for the academic year 2015-16. Details are given in Statement.

**Statement***Proposals for establishment of new Medical Colleges*

Sl. No.	State	Total Applicants	Approved
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1	1
2.	Andhra Pradesh	6	1
3.	Bihar	5	0
4.	Chhattisgarh	2	0
5.	Delhi	2	0
6.	Gujarat	3	2
7.	Haryana	3	0
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1	0
9.	Jharkhand	1	0
10.	Karnataka	14	3
11.	Kerala	6	0
12.	Madhya Pradesh	4	0
13.	Maharashtra	10	2
14.	Mizoram	1	0
15.	Nagaland	1	0
16.	Rajasthan	2	1
17.	Tamil Nadu	5	1
18.	Telangana	2	0
19.	Uttar Pradesh	18	3
20.	Uttarakhand	4	0
TOTAL		91	14

*Note:* One College in Maharashtra State has been approved conditionally on 16.07.2015

**Boosting family welfare programme**

†109. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY:

MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ:

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

(a) whether Government accepts that its family welfare programme has suffered a huge setback this year;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.