

representation from All India Government Nurses Federation (AIGNF) was received in the Ministry demanding revision in pay and allowances against 7th Central Pay Commission's report. The Government examined their demands along with demands of other Associations. The Government accepted the Commission's recommendations on minimum pay, fitment factor, Index of Rationalisation, Pay matrices and general recommendations on pay without any material alteration *vide* Resolution dated 25.07.2016. The recommendation on allowances was referred to an Empowered Committee. The Empowered Committee examined the demands of the Nurses Associations. The accepted recommendations on allowances were notified *vide* Government of India notification dated 06th July, 2017. The Government of India has accepted to retain and rationalize Nursing allowance and Operation theatre allowance. Uniform and washing allowance has been retained and subsumed under the Dress allowance. Most of the demands of AIGNF have been considered and concluded to their satisfaction.

(c) Nursing Association has not given any notice for strike. However, to avoid any such scenario a robust system of monthly interaction with Nurses has been put in place where grievances of Nurses, if any, are discussed.

Medical college in every district

†1247. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to open a medical college in every district of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for not establishing the medical college in Samastipur, Bihar which has already been sanctioned, and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is administering a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to establishment of new medical colleges attached with existing District/Referral Hospitals, in underserved areas of the country. Under Phase-I of the Scheme, 58 districts in 20 States/UTs have been selected. Out of these, 56 colleges have been approved and a sum of ₹5188.42 crore has been released to the States/UTs. 8 colleges under Phase-I are functional.

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The Phase-II of the Scheme for establishment of 24 new medical colleges has been approved by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs in its meeting held on 7th February, 2018. The objective of the Phase - II of the scheme is for ensuring the availability of one medical college in every 3 Parliamentary Constituencies and one Government medical college in each State.

(c) Three districts in Bihar namely Purnia, Saran (Chhapara) and Samastipur were identified under Phase-I of the above Scheme to establish new medical colleges. The medical colleges at Purnia, Saran (Chhapara) have been approved. However, DPR for Samastipur was not approved as the existing District Hospitals's land area is not fulfilling the minimum land area requirement prescribed under IMC Act, 1956 for establishment of new medical college.

Shortcomings at AIIMS, Patna

†1248. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has got an AIIMS hospital constructed in Patna, Bihar for better treatment;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are many Departments in AIIMS, Patna where doctors have not yet been appointed and for want of many test machines, better treatment is not becoming possible; and

(c) the manner in which Government, in view of these situations, proposes to overcome these shortcomings in less time, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) Six new AIIMS at Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Raipur, Jodhpur, Rishikesh and Patna have been established under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) to provide for affordable/reliable tertiary healthcare services and to augment facilities for quality medical education in the country.

AIIMS Patna is operational with functional Out-Patient Department (OPD) and In-Patient Department (IPD) and OT services.

(b) Departments in six new AIIMS including AIIMS Patna are created on need basis keeping in view the additional services and facilities planned to be added in the

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