

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1886
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2021**

SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS IN THE COUNTRY

1886 . SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per the standards of World Health Organisation, there is a shortage of doctors in our country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has prepared any plan to provide top quality health care services in all medical colleges including AYUSH medical institutions; and
- (d) whether it is a fact that as per the standards of World Health Organisation there is a shortage of trained allied manpower, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (d): As per information available, there are 13,01,319 allopathic doctors registered with the State Medical Councils and the National Medical Commission (NMC) as on November, 2021. The doctor-population ratio is 1:834 in the country assuming 80% availability of registered allopathic doctors and 5.65 lakh AYUSH doctors. Further, there are 2.89 lakh registered dentists, 33.41 lakh registered nursing personnel and 13 lakh Allied and Healthcare Professionals in the country.

The Government has taken following steps to further increase the availability of doctors in the country. The numbers of PG seats have increased by 78% from 31,185 seats before 2014 to 55,595 seats. The number of UG seats have increased from 51,348 before 2014 to 88,120 seats as of date which is an increase of 72%.

The steps to increase the seats include: -

- i. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for establishment of new medical college by upgrading district/ referral hospital under which 157 new medical colleges have been approved and 70 are already functional.
- ii. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/Central Government Medical Colleges to increase MBBS and PG seats.
- iii. Central Sector Scheme for upgradation of Government Medical Colleges by construction of Super Specialty Blocks. A total of 75 projects have been approved and 53 have been completed.
- iv. Under Central Sector Scheme for setting up of new AIIMS, 22 AIIMS have been approved. Undergraduate courses have started in 18 AIIMS.
