

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 600
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 07th FEBRUARY, 2023**

SETTING UP OF NEW MEDICAL COLLEGES IN THE STATE

600. SHRI AJIT KUMAR BHUYAN:

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

- (a) whether prior permission of the Union Government is required for establishing new Medical colleges by the State Government;
- (b) whether the new Medical colleges established in Assam since 2016, fulfills the Medical Council of India (MCI) norms;
- (c) whether the Union Government gives any financial assistance for the establishment of new Medical colleges by the State; and
- (d) if so, how much amount has been sanctioned by the Union Government for establishing new Medical colleges in Assam since 2016?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): As per National Medical Commission Act, 2019 prior permission of National Medical Commission (NMC) is required to establish a new medical college or start any postgraduate course or increase number of seats. A total of 03 Medical Colleges have been established in Assam since 2016 in government sector as per NMC norms.

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare administers a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for “Establishment of new medical colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals” with preference to underserved areas and aspirational districts, where there is no existing Government or private medical college with fund sharing between the Centre and State Governments in the

ratio of 90:10 for North Eastern and Special Category States and 60:40 for others. Under three phases of the Scheme, a total of 05 Medical Colleges have been approved in the State of Assam, 04 at Dhubri, Nagaon, North Lakhimpur, Diphu under Phase-I and 01 at Kokrajhar under Phase-II. Entire Central Share amounting to Rs. 972.90 Crore for the said projects has been released to the State Government since 2015-16. Under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), AIIMS at Guwahati has been established with an approved outlay of Rs. 1123 crore, fully funded by Government of India.
