

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 911
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 30th JULY, 2024**

SEATS IN MEDICAL COLLEGES

**911. SHRI BEEDHA MASTHAN RAO YADAV:
DR. KALPANA SAINI:**

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

- (a) the number of undergraduate and postgraduate seats in private and Government medical colleges in the last three years;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps to increase the number of seats in Government medical colleges;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government has taken any steps to improve the quality of education in the medical colleges; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (e): The Government has increased number of medical colleges and subsequently increased MBBS seats. There is an increase of 88% in medical colleges from 387 before 2014 to 731 as of now. Further, there is an increase of 118% in MBBS seats from 51,348 before 2014 to 1,12,112 as of now. There is also an increase of 133% in PG seats from 31,185 before 2014 to 72,627 as of now. The details of MBBS and PG seats (excluding NBEMS seats) available in Private and Government Medical Colleges during the last three years are as under:

Session	Government Medical Colleges		Private Medical Colleges	
	UG Seats	PG Seats	UG Seats	PG Seats
2021-22	48212	28260	43915	17858
2022-23	51912	30211	44365	19362
2023-24	56300	33416	52640	21418

Some of the measures/steps taken by the Government to increase the number of seats and to improve the quality of education in Government Medical Colleges include: -

- 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 109 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, under which support has been provided for increase of 4977 MBBS seats in 83 colleges with an approved cost of Rs. 5972.20 Cr, 4058 PG seats in phase-I in 72 colleges with an approved cost of Rs. 1498.43 cr and 4000 PG seats in phase-II in 65 colleges with an approved cost of Rs. 4478.25 Cr.
- iii. Under “Upgradation of Government medical colleges by construction of Super Specialty Blocks” component of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), a total of 75 projects have been approved, of which 66 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. DNB qualification has been recognized for appointment as teaching faculty to take care of shortage of faculty.
- vi. Enhancement of age limit for appointment/ extension/ re-employment against posts of teachers/dean/principal/ director in medical colleges upto 70 years.
