

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2202
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31th JULY 2026**

UPGRADATION OF DISTRICT HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL COLLEGES

†2202. SMT. ANITA NAGARSINGH CHOUHAN:

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that the availability of specialist doctors, medical education and healthcare facilities is limited in the tribal-dominated districts of Parliamentary Constituency No. 24 (Ratlam-Jhabua-Alirajpur, Madhya Pradesh);

(b) if so, the current status of proposals received during the last two years to upgrade district hospitals into medical colleges or establish new Government Medical Colleges in the said Parliamentary Constituency along with the details of projects approved or under the consideration of the Government, district-wise;

(c) whether the Government is considering the implementation of any special scheme to strengthen medical education and tertiary healthcare services in these tribal districts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action being taken by the Government for early approval of eligible proposals from the said Parliamentary Constituency?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare administers a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) 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. The fund sharing mechanism between the Centre and State Governments is in the ratio of 90:10 for North Eastern and Special Category States, and 60:40 for others. Under the Scheme, all the envisaged 157 Government Medical Colleges have been approved including fourteen (14) medical colleges in Madhya Pradesh. Out of these, six (06) medical colleges are in tribal dominated areas. The details of medical colleges approved in Madhya Pradesh are at Annexure.

Public Health being a State subject, primary responsibility to ensure the availability of specialist doctors lies with the concerned State Government. However, under National Health Mission (NHM), following types of incentives and honorarium are provided for encouraging doctors and healthcare

workers to practice in rural and remote areas of the country to mitigate the impact of shortage of doctors and healthcare workers:

- i. Hard area allowance to specialist doctors for serving in rural and remote areas and for their residential quarters so that they find it attractive to serve in public health facilities in such areas.
- ii. Honorarium to Gynaecologists/ Emergency Obstetric Care (EmOC) trained, Pediatricians & Anesthetist/ Life Saving Anesthesia Skills (LSAS) trained doctors is also provided to increase availability of specialists for conducting Cesarean Sections in rural & remote area.
- iii. Incentives like special incentives for doctors, incentive for Auxiliary Nurse and Midwife (ANM) for ensuring timely Antenatal Checkup (ANC) checkup and recording, incentives for conducting Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health activities.
- iv. States are also allowed to offer negotiable salary to attract specialist including flexibility in strategies such as “You Quote We Pay”.
- v. Non-Monetary incentives such as preferential admission in post graduate courses for staff serving in difficult areas and improving accommodation arrangement in rural areas have also been introduced under NHM.
- vi. Multi-skilling of doctors is supported under NHM to overcome the shortage of specialists. Skill up-gradation of existing HR is another major strategy under NRHM for achieving improvement in health outcomes.

Annexure**Details of medical colleges approved in Madhya Pradesh under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for
'Establishment of new Medical Colleges attached with existing District/Referral Hospitals'****(Rs. in Cr.)**

S. No.	Name of the Districts	Approval Date	Approved Cost	Central Share
1.	Datia	29.12.2014	189.00	113.40
2.	Khandwa*	29.12.2014	189.00	113.40
3.	Ratlam*	14.03.2016	189.00	113.40
4.	Shahdol*	14.3.2016	189.00	113.40
5.	Vidisha	14.03.2016	189.00	113.40
6.	Chhindwara*	03.03.2017	189.00	113.40
7.	Shivpuri	04.10.2017	189.00	113.40
8.	Satna	15.06.2018	250.00	150.00
9.	Rajgarh	25.11.2019	325	195
10.	Mandla*	25.11.2019	325	195
11.	Neemuch	25.11.2019	325	195
12.	Mandsaur	25.11.2019	325	195
13.	Sheopur	25.11.2019	325	195
14.	Singrauli*	19.02.2020	325	195

** Tribal-dominated Districts*