

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3394
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07TH AUGUST 2026**

UG AND PG SEATS IN MEDICAL COLLEGE

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to increase the number of medical colleges along with Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate (PG) medical seats in the country during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the increase in the number of medical colleges and UG and PG medical seats across the country, year-wise and State/UT-wise;
- (c) the number of new medical colleges established or approved and the increase in UG and PG medical seats in Bihar during the last five years, year-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to further increase the number of medical colleges along with UG and PG medical seats in Bihar and if so, the details thereof, locationwise, along with the timeline for its implementation?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Government has significantly increased the number of medical colleges and, consequently, the number of MBBS and PG seats in the country. The number of medical colleges has increased by 118.6%, from 387 before 2014 to 846 at present. Further, the number of MBBS seats has increased by 172.4%, from 51,348 before 2014 to 1,39,864 at present. Similarly, the number of PG seats has increased by 176.9%, from 31,185 before 2014 to 86,360 at present. In Bihar, the number of medical colleges has increased by 35%, from 20 to 27, while the number of MBBS seats has increased by 77.4%, from 2,415 to 4,285 during the last five years.

The measures/steps taken by the Government to augment the medical education facilities and to improve the medical standards in the country 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 including 08 colleges in Bihar.
- 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. Also, Cabinet approved Phase-III of (CSS) for “Strengthening and upgradation of existing State Government/Central Government Medical Colleges/Standalone PG Institutes/Government Hospitals” to facilitate increase of 5000 PG seats with an enhanced cost ceiling of Rs. 1.5 Crore per seats and extension of existing CSS for UG Scheme for 5023 MBBS seats with a enhanced cost of Rs. 1.5 Crore per seats. The timeline for implementation of both the Scheme is 2028-2029.
- iv. 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 71 projects are complete.
- v. Under the Central Sector Scheme for setting up of new AIIMS, 22 AIIMS have been approved. Undergraduate courses have started in 19 of these.
