

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3377
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH AUGUST, 2026**

STUDENTS APPEARING FOR NEET-UG AND PG

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

- (a) the number of students appearing for NEET-UG and NEET-PG separately, since 2015, year-wise;
- (b) the number of medical colleges and total number of MBBS seats since 2015, separately for Government and private institutions, State/UT-wise and year-wise;
- (c) the number of MBBS and post graduate seats per million population, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the vacancy position of faculty in AIIMS and other Central Government medical institutions, Institution-wise and social-category-wise;
- (e) whether the Government is aware of reports suggesting a shortage of faculties, delayed stipend payments and other challenges faced by Government medical colleges in the country, if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to ensure equitable expansion of medical education in the country?

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

- (a): The number of students who appeared in NEET-UG and NEET-PG examinations since 2019 are attached as Annexure-I.
- (b) & (c): The Government has undertaken significant measures to expand medical education infrastructure across the country by increasing the number of medical colleges as well as undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) medical seats. The number of Medical Colleges have increased from 387 to 846; UG seats from 51,348 to 1,39,864 and PG seats from 31,185 to 86,360 from 2014 to as on date. The State/UT-wise details of medical colleges and MBBS seats, including Government and private institutions, as on 30.07.2026 are attached as Annexure-II.
- (d) to (f): Filling up of vacant faculty posts is a continuous process and depends upon various

factors such as the availability of suitable and qualified candidates, reservation roster, and the location-specific requirements of the Institutes. To facilitate timely recruitment of faculty in AIIMS, the Government has, inter alia, constituted Standing Selection Committees (SSCs) in each Institute for selection of faculty, provided for engagement of retired faculty on a contractual basis up to the age of 70 years, and introduced the Visiting Faculty Scheme to augment teaching resources.

The National Medical Commission (NMC) has framed Medical Institutions (Qualification of Faculty) Regulation, 2025 to address the shortage of faculty in Medical Institutions. Further, Schedule IV of the Compulsory Rotatory Medical Internship (CRMI) Regulations provides that interns shall be paid stipends as fixed by the appropriate authority applicable to the concerned institution, University or State. In addition, the NMC, through its Public Notice dated 12.03.2026, has reiterated the applicable regulatory provisions, penalty framework and directions of the Hon'ble Court regarding payment of stipends, with instructions to all Deans/Principals, State Medical Councils and Directorates of Medical Education (DMEs) to ensure strict compliance.

The Government has implemented following schemes to ensure equitable expansion of medical education in the country:

- Centrally Sponsored Scheme for establishment of new medical college by upgrading district/ referral hospital under which 139 new medical colleges are functional out of 157 approved medical colleges.
- Centrally Sponsored Scheme for strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/Central Government Medical Colleges to increase MBBS and PG seats.
- Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) scheme has a component related to "Upgradation of Government Medical Colleges by construction of Super Specialty Blocks/Trauma care centres, etc." Out of 75 projects, 71 projects are complete under this component. The other component is for setting up of new AIIMS, under which 22 AIIMS have been approved.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3377 for answer on 07.08.2026

Annexure-I

Year	Number of Candidates Appeared in NEET-UG	Number of Candidates Appeared in NEET-PG
2019	1410755	143148
2020	1366945	160876
2021	1544273	166249
2022	1764571	182356
2023	2038596	200517
2024	2333297	216093
2025	2209318	230114
2026	1999895	Exam is scheduled to be held on 30.08.2026

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (b) & (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3377 for answer on 07.08.2026

Annexure-II

The State/UT-wise list of MBBS colleges under Government & Pvt. (including AIIMS & JIPMER) in the country as on 30.07.2026.

Sr. No	Name of the State/UT	Government Colleges	Government Seats	Private Colleges	Private Seats	Total Colleges	Total Seats
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1	114	0	0	1	114
2	Andhra Pradesh	20	3690	21	3950	41	7640
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1	100	0	0	1	100
4	Assam	16	1975	0	0	16	1975
5	Bihar	13	1835	14	2450	27	4285
6	Chandigarh	1	200	0	0	1	200
7	Chhattisgarh	16	1850	6	1200	22	3050
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	177	0	0	1	177
9	Delhi	9	1297	2	250	11	1547
10	Goa	1	250	0	0	1	250
11	Gujarat	24	4325	19	3500	43	7825
12	Haryana	9	1110	10	1900	19	3010
13	Himachal Pradesh	7	846	1	150	8	996
14	Jammu & Kashmir	11	1725	1	150	12	1875
15	Jharkhand	7	925	4	700	11	1625
16	Karnataka	24	4450	51	10955	75	15445
17	Kerala	14	1855	22	3849	36	5704
18	Madhya Pradesh	21	3145	14	3000	35	6145
19	Maharashtra	43	6125	44	7099	87	13224
20	Manipur	3	400	1	150	4	550
21	Meghalaya	2	100	1	150	3	250
22	Mizoram	1	100	0	0	1	100
23	Nagaland	1	100	0	0	1	100
24	Orissa	15	1975	6	1100	21	3075
25	Puducherry	3	423	7	1600	10	2023
26	Punjab	6	1025	7	950	13	1975
27	Rajasthan	34	4630	18	3600	52	8230
28	Sikkim	1	100	1	100	2	200
29	Tamil Nadu	38	5399	41	8650	79	14049
30	Telangana	37	4500	30	5850	67	10350
31	Tripura	1	200	2	300	3	500
32	Uttar Pradesh	51	5950	39	8300	90	14250
33	Uttarakhand	6	750	4	850	10	1600
34	West Bengal	26	4575	16	2850	42	7425
	Total	464	66221	382	73643	846	139864

