

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3419
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07 AUGUST, 2026**

SHORTAGE OF FACULTY MEMBERS IN MEDICAL COLLEGES AND AIIMS

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

- (a) whether there is a shortage of faculty members in nursing, dental and medical colleges, including the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

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

(a) to (c): The maintenance of adequate faculty strength in nursing, dental and medical institutions is governed by the respective regulatory bodies, namely the Indian Nursing Council (INC), the National Dental Commission (NDC), the National Medical Commission (NMC) through the regulations and standards prescribed by them. The INC, the NDC and the NMC prescribe minimum faculty requirements for nursing, dental and medical institutions, respectively. Compliance with these is ensured through periodic inspections, assessments and other regulatory mechanisms by the concerned regulatory authorities for grant, renewal and continuation of recognition/permission.

Public Health is a state subject, the matter regarding engagement of available medical professionals in the country in various healthcare setups comes under the purview of State Governments.

Recruitment and filling up of faculty posts is a continuous process. Vacancies arise due to retirement, resignation, expansion of institutions, creation of new posts and non-availability of suitable eligible candidates in certain specialties and locations and respective institutions take necessary action to fill vacant posts in accordance with the prescribed recruitment rules from time to time.

Further, the National Medical Commission (NMC) has notified the Medical Institutions (Qualifications of Faculty) Regulations, 2025 (MIQF-2025) on 30.06.2025 with the objective of ensuring an adequate supply of qualified medical faculty while maintaining uniform academic standards. The Regulations provide for expansion of the teaching infrastructure by permitting eligible 220-bedded Government hospitals to function as teaching institutions, liberalise faculty eligibility criteria, recognise a wider pool of qualified medical and non-medical faculty, count specified administrative and regulatory experience towards teaching experience, while mandating training in Medical Education Technology and Biomedical Research.
