

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *297
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7TH AUGUST, 2026**

EXPANSION OF PG MEDICAL SEATS

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Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of post-graduate medical seats in Central Government institutions, State Government colleges and deemed universities, breakup-wise;
- (b) the total number of Post-Graduate medical seats created by the Government since 2014 across the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of post-graduate medical seats keeping in view the increased demand for specialists, if so, the focus areas thereof;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to convert all Diplomate of National Board (DNB) seats into full fledged post-graduate medical seats this year and if so, the details of the seats likely to be added to the PG medical course seat matrix in this regard; and
- (e) the details of the steps taken by the Government to rein in profiteering and uncontrolled fee structure by private medical colleges and deemed universities offering post-graduate medical courses?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

- (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) & (b) As informed by the National Medical Commission (NMC) and National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS), there are a total of 86,360 Post-Graduate (PG) medical seats in the country. The State/UT-wise details of PG seats are given at Annexure-I. The year-wise details of the total number of PG seats approved by the NMC & NBEMS since 2014-15 are at Annexure-II.

(c) The National Medical Commission has put in place a regulatory framework under the Post Graduate Medical Education Regulations (PGMER), 2023 & Post Graduate Minimum Standards Requirement, 2024 for the establishment of new PG medical courses and increase of seats in existing courses. Proposals received from medical colleges/institutions for starting new PG courses or increasing the number of PG seats are considered by the NMC on the basis of application submitted by the medical colleges/ institutions and seats are granted subject to fulfilment of the prescribed requirements relating to faculty, infrastructure, clinical material, etc.

Further, National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) has also taken several initiatives to increase the availability of PG medical seats in the country. These include easing of accreditation criteria without compromising the quality of teaching and training, introduction of new Post-Graduate courses, implementation of the Joint Accreditation Scheme, encouraging District Hospitals to seek accreditation for NBEMS Post-Graduate courses, and undertaking outreach initiatives with State Governments, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) and other stakeholders to facilitate the commencement of NBEMS courses in hospitals under their administrative control.

Also, the Government has approved Phase-III of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for strengthening and upgradation of existing State Government/ Central Government Medical Colleges/ Standalone PG Institutes/ Government Hospitals for increasing 5,000 PG seats with an enhanced cost ceiling of ₹1.50 crore per seat from financial year 2025-26 to 2028-29.

(d) As informed by the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS), there is no proposal under its consideration to convert all Diploma seats into full-fledged PG medical degree (DNB) seats.

(e) Fixation of fees for medical courses, including Post-Graduate courses falls within the domain of respective State/UT Governments and differs from state to state. Further, with a view to making medical education more affordable, NMC has framed Guidelines under clause (i) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 10 of National Medical Commission Act, 2019 for determination of fees and all other charges in respect of 50% of seats in private medical institutions and deemed to be universities which were issued on 03.02.2022. However, the above-mentioned guidelines have been challenged in various courts and are sub-judice. Further, as informed by the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS), the fees for NBEMS courses, namely Diplomate of National Board (DNB), Doctorate of National Board (DrNB), Fellowship of National Board (FNB) and Diploma courses is centrally regulated, uniform and affordable across the country. The annual course fee for these programmes is ₹1,25,000.

State/UT-wise details of PG seats for AY 2026-27

Sl. NO.	Name of the State	Govt. PG Seats	Private PG Seats
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	19	0
2.	Andhra Pradesh	2303	2479
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	28	0
4.	Assam	819	174
5.	Bihar	1242	775
6.	Chandigarh	635	0
7.	Chhattisgarh	665	420
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	46	0
9.	Delhi	3448	1281
10.	Goa	164	9
11.	Gujarat	3008	1442
12.	Haryana	697	1371
13.	Himachal Pradesh	345	93
14.	Jammu & Kashmir	1175	63
15.	Jharkhand	354	166
16.	Karnataka	2805	7287
17.	Kerala	1255	2424
18.	Ladakh	14	0
19.	Madhya Pradesh	1807	1690
20.	Maharashtra	4277	4939
21.	Manipur	262	35
22.	Meghalaya	57	27
23.	Mizoram	25	0
24.	Nagaland	12	10
25.	Odisha	967	973
26.	Puducherry	410	830
27.	Punjab	669	816
28.	Rajasthan	2969	2056
29.	Sikkim	0	37
30.	Tamil Nadu	3030	4993
31.	Telangana	1790	3458
32.	Tripura	115	22
33.	Uttarakhand	1673	483
34.	Uttar Pradesh	3568	3869
35.	West Bengal	2283	1202

Year-wise details of the total number of PG seats approved

Sl. No.	Academic Year	No. of PG seats approved by NMC	No. of PG seats approved by NBEMS
1.	2014-15	415	612
2.	2015-16	504	-261
3.	2016-17	600	2035
4.	2017-18	4965	624
5.	2018-19	3511	538
6.	2019-20	2802	1839
7.	2020-21	4983	661
8.	2021-22	4708	1954
9.	2022-23	2874	963
10.	2023-24	4713	1209
11.	2024-25	4188	1667
12.	2025-26	9084	2009
