

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 5635
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH MARCH, 2026**

ADMISSION IN SMVDIME

**5635. SHRI SUBBARAYAN K:
COM. SELVARAJ V:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that some students of the minority community had sought admission after clearing NEET and/a political party had protested against the admission of these students in Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Excellence (SMVDIME);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

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

(a) to (c): The National Medical Commission (NMC) is an apex statutory body constituted by an Act of Parliament to regulate and oversee medical education across the country.

The NMC through its Medical Assessment and Rating Board (MARB), processes applications from medical colleges for starting new postgraduate (PG) courses and increasing seats in existing PG courses, in accordance with the NMC Act, 2019 and related regulations.

For Academic Year 2025–26, online applications were invited via public notices dated 05.12.2024 and 19.12.2024. In response, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Excellence, J&K applied for permission to establish a new medical college with 50 MBBS seats. After due evaluation, MARB, NMC granted a Letter of Permission (LoP) on 08.09.2025 for establishing the college with an annual intake of 50 MBBS seats for AY 2025–26.

Subsequently, upon receipt of several complaints against the college, the MARB conducted a surprise inspection. Based on the deficiencies observed by the inspection team and after due deliberations, the Board decided to withdraw the Letter of Permission, vide letter dated 06.01.2026.

Keeping in view the future of the students admitted by the college for the Academic Year 2025–26, the J&K Board of Professional Entrance Examinations (JKBOPEE) has issued notification dated 24.01.2026 accommodating the students in Government Medical Colleges within the UT of J&K.
