

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 582
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH JULY, 2023**

DOCTORS, NURSES AND HOSPITAL BEDS

582. SHRI K.R. SURESH REDDY:

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

- (a) the number of doctors and nurses per 1000 people, State-wise;
- (b) the number of hospital beds per 1000 people, State-wise;
- (c) whether measures are being taken by Government to increase the number of doctors, nurses, and hospital beds; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (d): As per information provided by National Medical Commission (NMC), there are 13,08,009 allopathic doctors registered with the State Medical Councils and the National Medical Commission (NMC) as on June, 2022. Assuming 80% availability of registered allopathic doctors, and 5.65 lakh AYUSH doctors, the doctor population ratio in the country is 1:834, and of nurses is 2.10 nurses per 1000 population, and 13 lakh Allied and Healthcare Professionals in the country.

The primary responsibility for administering healthcare professional and availability of sufficient number of beds as per need in Government hospitals lies with the concerned State Government. As per the information published in National Health Profile (NHP), 2022, the details of bed available in Government health facilities in States/ UTs is available at page No. 430, Table No 6.2.2 having url: <https://cbhidghs.mohfw.gov.in>.

The government has increased number of medical colleges and subsequently increased MBBS seats. There has been 82% increase in Medical colleges from 387 in 2013-14 to 704 in 2023-24. Further, there is an increase of 110% in MBBS seats from 51,348 before 2014 to 1,07,948 as of now, there is also an increase of 117% in PG seats from 31,185 before 2014 to 67,802 as of now.

Under National Health Mission (NHM), support is provided to the State/UTs to strengthen their health care system based on the proposal received from the States so as to provide universal access to equitable, affordable and quality health care services all over the country. The states are also encouraged to adopt flexible norms for engaging doctors and specialist for public healthcare facilities.

To strengthen health facilities and improve availability of health professionals in the country the central government started various central sector/centrally sponsored schemes, including Establishment of new medical colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals for setting up of medical colleges and PMSSY for establishing new AIIMS and upgradation of existing medical colleges. Under the scheme 'Development of Nursing Services' funds are provided to States to upgrade Schools of Nursing into Colleges of Nursing. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for “Establishment of new Medical College attached with existing district/referral hospital” 157 medical colleges have been approved since 2014. Establishment of 157 nursing colleges have been announced in the budget speech 2023-24 in these medical colleges.
