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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4109 TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD APRIL, 2018

AMBULANCES PROVIDED TO MAHARASHTRA UNDER NRHM

4109. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

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

(a) the number of ordinary ambulances and also critical care ambulances provided to the State of Maharashtra under NRHM during the last three years, the details of such ambulances, year-wise and category-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to provide such ambulances in adequate numbers in all district hospitals of the State within a time-frame; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) to (c): Public Health and Hospitals being a State subject, the primary responsibility to provide healthcare services, including availability of ambulances in Government Hospitals in the States lies under the jurisdiction of the respective State Governments. However, under the National Health Mission (NHM), financial and technical support is provided to States/ UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems including support for ordinary ambulances and also for critical care ambulances in District Hospitals, based on the requirements posed by them in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) within their overall resource envelope. The Financial support for ordinary ambulances and also critical care ambulances provided to the State of Maharashtra under NRHM during the last three years is Rs. 2028.38 lakh (2015-16), Rs. 1827.00 lakh (2016-17) and Rs. 2248.80 lakh (2017-18) respectively. Further, States currently has 2647 (102) ambulances and 937 (108) ambulances (Basic Life Support-704, Advance Life Support-233) operational under NHM.

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