

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1197
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND JULY, 2019**

INFRASTRUCTURAL SUPPORT FOR HOSPITALS IN REMOTE AREAS OF HP

1197. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:

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

- (a) whether in order to provide necessary health infrastructural support to the State Governments, ambitious schemes like NRHM and Ayushman Bharat have been launched by Government;
- (b) whether in remote rural and hilly areas of Rohru in Shimla Distt. of Himachal Pradesh, the Civil Hospital, Rohru does not have adequate medical equipments for MRI scans and basic diagnostic tests, and patients are referred to distant places like Shimla and Chandigarh; and
- (c) if so, whether Government will help in providing specialist doctors and required medical equipment to the Civil Hospital, Rohru so that poor people of the area get better treatment facilities and details thereof?

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

(a): Yes. National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), which is now a part of National Health Mission (NHM), was launched by the Central Government to strengthen healthcare systems of States/UTs through financial and technical assistance that includes infrastructural support, based on proposals received from the States/UTs through Programme Implementation Plans. Ayushman Bharat includes transforming 1.5 lakh Sub-health Centres and Primary Health Centres into Health and Wellness Centres and infrastructural support constitutes a part of it.

(b) & (c): The State Govt. of Himachal Pradesh has intimated that although medical equipment for MRI scans are not available in the Civil Hospital, Rohru, the other basic diagnostic tests like lab tests, X-Ray, CT Scan and ECG are being conducted in the hospital and through outsource agencies like SRL, M/s Kisna Diagnostic Pvt. Ltd., Pune.

In FY 2019-20, no specific proposal has been received by the Central Government from the State of Himachal Pradesh for Specialist positions and equipments for Civil Hospital, Rohru. However, a total of 21 Specialist positions, including 12 Psychiatrists, 4 Micro-biologists and 5 Anesthetists, are approved under NHM for the State of Himachal Pradesh, based on State's proposal under Programme Implementation Plan for 2019-20. Further, a total of Rs 15.62 Crore has been approved for procurement of various equipments for the State. Public health and hospitals being State subject, it is the prerogative of the State Govt. to utilize the funds judiciously as per requirement.

Further, as stated by the State Govt., there are thirty sanctioned posts of Medical Officers in Civil Hospital, Rohru, against which fifteen Medical Officers are in position. Out of them, five specialists are in position (Orthopedic Surgeon.-1, General Surgery-1, Eye Specialist-1 & Physiology-1) and that on availability of suitable doctors, efforts will be made to provide more specialists and required medical equipments at Civil Hospital, Rohru.