

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2349
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st MARCH, 2023**

BIKE AMBULANCE

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is developing a bike ambulance by JNTU, Kakinada, in Andhra Pradesh, for use in hilly, inaccessible places where ambulance cannot reach;
- (b) whether the Ministry is also aware that this Bike Ambulance is fitted with glucometer, pulse oxymeter, cold storage container, protection from rain and heat, etc.;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the efforts being made to replicate this in other States which help in providing basic medical facilities, transportation of pregnant women from inaccessible and tribal areas;
- (e) whether financial and other assistance going to provide to spread bike ambulance; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): As per the information received from the Andhra Pradesh State, Department of Tribal Welfare, Government of Andhra Pradesh in coordination with Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU), Kakinada has come up with an idea of Bike Ambulance to use in Tribal Areas.

As informed by the Andhra Pradesh State, no such equipment is fitted to the Bike Ambulance.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India has provided the financial assistance of Rs.490.5 lakhs to the Department of Tribal Welfare, Government of Andhra Pradesh for Bike Ambulance.

(e) and (f): The Primary responsibility to ensure healthcare services, including provision of Ambulances, lies with the respective State/UT Governments. Under the National Health Mission (NHM), the Government of India provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs for strengthening their healthcare systems, including support for Advance Life Support (ALS), Basic Life Support (BLS), Patient Transport Vehicles (PTV), Boat, and Bike Ambulance, based on the requirements posed by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) within their overall resource envelope.

As per NHM-MIS report (September, 2022), the details of Bike Ambulance supported under NHM is given below:

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Bike Ambulance
1.	Himachal Pradesh	6
2.	Rajasthan	45
3.	Maharashtra	30
4.	Telangana	50
Total		131
