

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 294**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2023**

**IMPLEMENTATION OF NHM IN ODISHA**

**294. SMT. MAMATA MOHANTA:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to formulate any scheme for financing ambulance service under National Health Mission (NHM) and, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of general and critical care ambulances provided to Odisha under National Health Mission during each of the last three years; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to meet the shortage of ambulance service in the country, especially in rural areas?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE**

**(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (c): “Public Health and Hospitals” is a State subject. The primary responsibility of strengthening public healthcare system, including efforts to have required number of ambulances especially in rural areas lies with the respective State/UT Governments. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides the technical and financial support to the States/UTs to strengthen their public healthcare system.

Under the National Health Mission, various steps have been taken to support the States/UTs for providing adequately equipped ambulances. Some of the key steps are:

- MoHFW has launched the National Ambulance Services (NAS) under the National Health Mission. Basic life support ambulances (BLS), Advanced life support ambulances (ALS) and patient transport vehicles (PTVs) are supported by the NAS. An ALS is supported for an average population of 5 Lakh and a BLS Ambulance is supported for population of one lakh. States are at liberty to propose the number of ambulances as per the norms to fill the gap.
- There are a total 2,957- Advanced Life Support Ambulances, 14,613- Basic Life Support Ambulances, 4,259- Patient Transport Vehicles, 17 Boat and 81 Bike ambulances presently supported by NHM in the country (NHM MIS June, 2023).

A statement showing the number of ambulances supported under NHM in the State of Odisha for last three years as reported by the state is at Annexure.

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**Annexure**

**The number of general and critical care ambulances provided to Odisha under National Health Mission during the last three years**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>102-Ambulance</b>	<b>104- Ambulance</b>	<b>108- Ambulance</b>
1.	2020-21	500	1	624
2.	2021-22	500	1	630

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Advance Life Support (ALS) Ambulances</b>	<b>Basic Life Support (BLS) Ambulance</b>	<b>Patient Transport Vehicles (PTV)</b>	<b>Boat Ambulance</b>
1.	2022-23	112	512	500	6

**Sources: NHM-MIS Report**