

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

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 36
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3rd FEBRUARY, 2026**

**HOME-BASED PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICES FOR PARALYSIS/STROKE
PATIENTS**

36 # SMT. DARSHANA SINGH:

Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether access to regular physiotherapy treatment for patients suffering from stroke or paralysis is limited in the country, particularly in rural and remote areas;
- (b) whether any special programme or financial assistance scheme is proposed to provide home-based treatment to stroke/paralysis patients and to improve access to healthcare services in future, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether there is any plan to enhance the availability of home-physiotherapy equipment such as tools, stretching bands and mobile rehabilitation kits through Public Private Partnership?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA
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(a) Health is a State Subject. The Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India provides technical and financial support to the States and Union Territories under the National Health Mission (NHM) to strengthen public health care system.

Under the National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE), rehabilitation services, including physiotherapy, are provided for elderly patients with functional limitations, including those suffering from stroke or paralysis.

(b) Financial assistance is provided to States/UTs for implementation of services including physiotherapy under NPHCE as per approved Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

Further, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has implemented the National Programme for Palliative Care (NPPC) under the National Health Mission since 2013 to support patients with chronic and debilitating condition, including stroke and paralysis patients.

(c) The State Governments are given technical and financial support under NHM to enhance the availability of physiotherapy services. Since health is a State Subject, the mode of implementation is decided by the State/UT Governments.
