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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3257 TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH AUGUST, 2017

SHORTAGE OF AMBULANCES IN RURAL AREAS

3257. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

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

- (a) whether a large number of deaths have been reported due to non-availability of ambulances during emergency in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of such deaths in rural areas during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide hightech ambulance for giving immediate support to the patients in emergency in the rural areas; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

- (a) to (c): Public health and hospitals being a State subject, such data is not maintained centrally.
- (d) & (e): Public health and hospitals being a State subject, the primary responsibility to provide healthcare including ambulance services lies with the respective State Governments. However, under the National Health Mission (NHM), technical and financial support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems including support for ambulance services including Advance Life Support (ALS) ambulances, based on the proposals made by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

State/UT-wise details of ambulances (usually Dial-108/Dial-102) and empaneled vehicles under NHM are at **Annexure**.

Annexure

Ambulances Operational under NHM (as on March 2017)

Sl.no.	State/UTs	Dial 108	Dial 102/104	Other patients transport vehicle (empaneled)	Total Ambulance under NHM
1	Bihar	10	744	94	848
2	Chhattisgarh	238	359	0	597
3	Himachal Pradesh	199	125	0	324
4	Jammu & Kashmir	0	331	0	331
5	Jharkhand	0	0	2657	2657
6	Madhya Pradesh	606	0	820	1426
7	Orissa	420	475	0	895
8	Rajasthan	637	588	0	1225
9	Uttar Pradesh	1488	2270	0	3758
10	Uttarakhand	139	109	0	248
11	Arunachal Pradesh	0	94	0	94
12	Assam	380	316	235	931
13	Manipur	0	43	0	43
14	Meghalaya	43	0	0	43
15	Mizoram	0	60	0	60
16	Nagaland	0	80	0	80
17	Sikkim	0	0	0	0
18	Tripura	0	0	0	0
19	Andhra Pradesh	439	0	0	439
20	Goa	32	0	4	36
21	Gujarat	406	0	0	406
22	Haryana	0	364	0	364
23	Karnataka	711	0	200	911
24	Kerala	43	6	0	49
25	Maharashtra	937	2674	0	3611
26	Punjab	242	0	0	242
27	Tamil Nadu	755	0	0	755
28	Telangana	316	0	0	316
29	West Bengal	0	0	2664	2664
30	A&N Island	0	1	0	1
31	Chandigarh	6	9	0	15
32	D&N Haveli	0	0	0	0
33	Daman & Diu	3	4	0	7
34	Delhi	0	220	0	220
35	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0
36	Puducherry	11	0	0	11
	All India	8061	8872	6674	23607