

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1193  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018**

**HEALTH FOR ALL**

**1193. SHRI DILIP PATEL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken a number of steps to meet the target of health for all in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the participation of the private sector is essential and pivotal to meet the target of health for all; and
- (c) whether the Government is taking necessary initiatives in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): Public health is a state subject. Under the National Health Mission (NHM), support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems for achieving health outcomes including the target of health for all based on the requirements posed by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans. NHM has been successful in accelerating the decline of key indicators such as Under 5 Mortality Rate (U5MR), Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) and Total Fertility Rate (TFR). It has also achieved the Millennium Development Goal target for Tuberculosis, Malaria and HIV/ AIDS.

(b) & (c): The National Health Policy, 2017 envisages ensuring improved access and affordability, of quality secondary and tertiary care services through a combination of public hospitals and well measured strategic purchasing of services in health care deficit areas, from private care providers, especially the not-for profit providers. The Framework for Implementation of National Health Mission (NHM) provides for partnership with private service providers to supplement governmental efforts in underserved and vulnerable areas. Based on proposals received from States/UTs, support under NHM is being provided for provision of services through PPP mode such as CT Scan, Tele radiology, ambulances services; dialysis services in district hospitals etc.

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