

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4655  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**FOREIGN INSURANCE COMPANIES**

**4655. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to engage Foreign Insurance Companies in the Insurance Sector in India for providing health cover to the poor under a flagship programme announced in the Budget-2018 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is planning to engage Government and domestic insurance companies in the business; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a): No.

(b) & (c): Under the proposed National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS), States will have an option to implement the scheme through insurance companies or through trust/society or partly through insurance companies and partly through trust/society. The eligibility criteria for participation of insurance companies both Government and domestic will be clearly laid down.

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