

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4739
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd MARCH, 2018**

TELE-MEDICINE SYSTEM

4739. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

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

- (a) whether any assessment has been conducted on utilization of tele-medicine in synergy with the mission of 'Digital India' and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has considered the international best practices in tele-medicine for adoption in India and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the public investment undertaken so far to promote tele-medicine in the country; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Ministry so far to provide tele-medicine in the country?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (d): As part of Digital India mission, Government of India has taken up National Medical College Network wherein 50 Medical Colleges are supported for Tele-education, Tele-consultation and e-Learning. Telemedicine at few pilgrim places are also initiated to support pilgrims in far off areas.

International best practices have been studied from time to time for incorporation in the telemedicine projects implementation States have been advised to follow open standards and EHR standards based software so as to ensure effective interoperability.

Ministry has undertaken various initiatives to promote tele-medicine across the country:

1. National Tele-Medicine Network (NTN), National Medical College Network (NMCN), Satcom based Telemedicine centres, Tele-radiology, mobile based outreach programs and m-health initiatives have been prioritised.
2. 7 states have been supported as per the request and proposal from states under Program Implementation Plan (PIP) in NHM.
3. One National Resource Centre and seven Regional Resource centres have been identified for promoting telemedicine technologies` like remote patient monitoring.
4. Tele-Oncology initiative has also been taken for early cancer detection, follow-up and prevention.

So far Ministry has provided financial support of approximately Rs. 227 Cr. to support Telemedicine through above programs.