

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 520  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2018**

**SHORTAGE OF HEALTH TRANSPORT SERVICES**

**520. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that there is huge shortage of health transport services and hearsevans for poor in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of availability of the same, State-wise;
- (c) the detail of the amount allocated for various emergency health transport services during the last three years, State/ UT-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the number of emergency health transport services and hearse vans in the country?

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

(a) & (b): Public health and hospitals being a State subject, the primary responsibility to provide health transport 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 based on the proposals made by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) within their overall resource envelope. State/ UT-wise number of ambulances under NHM is at **Annexure-I**.

The responsibility to provide services of hearse vans is within the remit of respective State/UT Governments. However, for improving hearse vans services, a framework document for hearse services based on the available models from States for provision of such services in collaboration with State Governments/local bodies through district funding or in collaboration with charity bodies was developed to guide and facilitate operationalisation of hearse services. All the State/UTs have been advised to operationalise required hearse services in their jurisdictions. The data regarding hearse vans is not maintained centrally.

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(c): State/UT-wise details of the amount allocated for various emergency health transport services during the last three years is at **Annexure-II**.

(d): As stated above, Public Health and Hospitals being a State subject. The responsibility to provide emergency health transport services and hearse vans lies under the jurisdiction of the respective State Governments. However, under National Health Mission (NHM), States/UTs are provided technical and financial support for strengthening their healthcare systems, including for emergency health transport services in the country. Further, Proposals received from States/UTs for ambulance under the NHM, are appraised on the basis of population to be served and average response time, average kilometres covered per ambulance per day and patients transported per day by existing fleet of ambulances.

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## Annexure-I

Status of Ambulances Operational under NHM (As on March 2018)					
Sl.no.	State/UTs	Dial 108	Dial 102/104	Other patients transport vehicle	Total Ambulance under NHM
1	Bihar	10	1049	53	1112
2	Chhattisgarh	237	363	0	600
3	Himachal Pradesh	198	126	0	324
4	Jammu & Kashmir	0	331	0	331
5	Jharkhand	149	0	2581	2730
6	Madhya Pradesh	606	740	0	1346
7	Orissa	444	491	0	935
8	Rajasthan	730	587	0	1317
9	Uttar Pradesh	1488	2270	150	3908
10	Uttarakhand	139	109	0	248
11	Arunachal Pradesh	0	123	0	123
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	40	0	4	44
21	Gujarat	585	0	0	585
22	Haryana	352	0	0	352
23	Karnataka	711	0	200	911
24	Kerala	43	0	0	43
25	Maharashtra	937	2674	0	3611
26	Punjab	242	0	0	242
27	Tamil Nadu	829	0	0	829
28	Telangana	316	0	0	316
29	West Bengal	0	0	2960	2960
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	7	4	0	11
34	Delhi	0	265	0	265
35	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0
36	Puducherry	11	0	0	11
<b>All India</b>		<b>8942</b>	<b>9641</b>	<b>6183</b>	<b>24766</b>

Source: NHM-MIS report

## Annexure-II

Amount allocated for National Ambulance Services during the last three years

Sl. No.	State/UTs	National Ambulance Services - Approvals (RS. in Lakh)				
		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Total
1	A&N Island	0.00	0.00	25.00	7.00	32.00
2	Andhra Pradesh	2932.40	1118.40	1190.40	1190.40	6431.60
3	Arunachal Pradesh	77.08	65.80	220.68	375.95	739.51
4	Assam	2034.00	2946.56	2244.92	2445.33	9670.81
5	Bihar	10650.03	6322.80	11764.10	13797.10	42534.03
6	Chandigarh	38.42	65.27	106.27	72.00	281.96
7	Chhattisgarh	4028.84	4142.20	4409.05	5442.43	18022.52
8	D & N Haveli	0.00	3.90	0.00	0.00	3.90
9	Daman & Diu	20.57	21.40	25.79	4.00	71.76
10	Delhi	648.00	988.00	528.00	875.80	3039.80
11	Goa	249.60	203.60	130.70	207.00	790.90
12	Gujarat	0.00	0.00	1500.00	4688.00	6188.00
13	Haryana	2018.27	3053.63	3023.49	3241.97	11337.36
14	Himachal Pradesh	650.15	660.80	863.20	438.10	2612.25
15	Jammu & Kashmir	56.76	858.58	1129.12	2078.33	4122.79
16	Jharkhand	2980.00	2415.40	1122.00	2112.65	8630.05
17	Karnataka	1257.63	1686.96	6444.32	3327.56	12716.47
18	Kerala	2502.00	612.60	737.58	126.94	3979.12
19	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	Madhya Pradesh	4150.73	2497.69	2884.03	4133.80	13666.25
21	Maharashtra	2872.00	2028.38	1827.00	2248.80	8976.18
22	Manipur	301.00	318.32	377.75	280.68	1277.75
23	Meghalaya	260.98	126.88	110.88	153.52	652.26
24	Mizoram	170.13	142.31	136.52	71.72	520.68
25	Nagaland	113.73	20.56	122.26	100.68	357.23
26	Odisha	1411.20	1079.37	1096.72	1384.62	4971.91
27	Puducherry	32.20	10.00	54.76	43.20	140.16
28	Punjab	0.00	0.00	428.00	350.00	778.00
29	Rajasthan	784.72	3914.00	2140.00	2340.00	9178.72
30	Sikkim	36.70	163.52	65.38	50.64	316.24
31	Tamil Nadu	1408.05	2179.20	2372.00	3021.60	8980.85
32	Tripura	0.00	498.56	278.00	278.00	1054.56
33	Telangana	2594.40	758.40	758.40	758.40	4869.60
34	Uttar Pradesh	17580.55	29228.92	29764.01	57225.17	133798.65
35	Uttarakhand	639.50	477.60	842.40	778.90	2738.40
36	West Bengal	0.00	1250.00	400.00	5415.43	7065.43
	Total	62499.64	69859.61	79122.73	119065.72	330547.70