

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

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.359  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2019  
AMBULANCE SERVICE UNDER NRHM**

**\*359. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:  
SHRI OM BIRLA:**

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

- (a) the details of steps taken by the Government to handle the shortage of ambulance service during an emergency, especially in rural areas;
- (b) the number of general and critical care ambulances provided under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) during each of the last three years to Chhattisgarh;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme for financing ambulance service under NRHM; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA  
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- (a) Public health and hospitals, being a State subject, the primary responsibility to provide ambulance services lies with the respective State Governments/UTs. However, under the National Health Mission (NHM), technical and financial support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems including support for emergency medical transport of patients under Dial 108, Dial 102/104 ambulance services, and other patient transport vehicles, based on the proposals made by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) within their overall resource envelope.
- (b) A statement showing details of support approved for ambulances in Chhattisgarh under National Health Mission for last three years, is annexed.
- (c) & (d) At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to formulate any new scheme for financing ambulance service under NRHM/NHM.

## ANNEXURE

Statement showing details of support approved for Ambulances in Chhattisgarh under NHM based on State's Annual Programme Implementation Plans

| Financial Year | Dial 102 Type Ambulances  |   | Dial 108 Type Ambulances  |   |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|
|                | No of ambulances for which Capital Expenditure is supported/ approved | No of ambulances for which Operational Expenditure is supported/ approved | No of ambulances for which Capital Expenditure is supported/ approved | No of ambulances for which Operational Expenditure is supported/ approved |
| 2015-16        | 0   | 300   | 0   | 239   |
| 2016-17        | 0   | 300   | $10*+5**=15$  | $235 + 5** = 240$   |
| 2017-18        | 0   | 356   | 30*   | $240+ 5** =245$   |

Note : \*Replacement \*\* Bike Ambulance