

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2397**

TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2018

MEDICAL SERVICES IN REMOTE AREAS

2397. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government plans to provide emergency medical treatment services in remote areas through space satellite systems;**
- (b) if so, the details of pilot projects under observation, if any, and the outcome thereof; and**
- (c) the reaction and bilateral fruitfulness of AIIMS and ISRO in providing emergency medical services?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG &
PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):**

- (a) Yes, Madam. ISRO has established about 130 telemedicine nodes to provide emergency medical treatment services in remote areas through space satellite systems.**
- (b) The telemedicine nodes are established in association with the user agencies. ISRO is providing end-to-end satellite connectivity between specialist end hospitals and the patient end hospitals. This facility helps the patient living in remote areas to avail the tele-consultation, advices and second opinion from the specialist in speciality hospitals.**

(c) Telemedicine network of ISRO is connected with hospitals like All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi; Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh; Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow and other renowned speciality hospitals through which the remote hospitals are availing the expert tele-consultation services on need basis, including emergency medical services.
