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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 677 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 09th December, 2022

HEALTHCARE START-UPS

677 SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in the number of healthcare start-ups in the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise, including Bihar during the last five years;
- (c) The total amount of investment that has been raised by these start-ups in the last one year and the number of employees in each of them;
- (d)whether the Government has taken any steps to increase the access to funds for such healthcare start-ups, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the potential benefits of the formation of such start-ups for the common public?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

- (a) to (e) There is an expert committee in Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) for providing oversight, hand holding support for the Startups, integrating their technology in to the existing health care system and to appraise/ review these technologies and recommend the shortlisted innovations for pilot & field test prior to uptake in the public health systems.
 - National Healthcare Innovation Portal (NHINP) developed by MoHFW serves as the platform to receive innovation in various categories like good replicable practices and health product innovations. These innovations are screened for their novelty, scalability, import substitute and /or wide societal impact. The portal helps to screen health innovation

(products) and best practices using inclusion and exclusion criteria and appraisal by a duly constituted technical appraisal committee (TAC) by MoHFW. NHINP encourages piloting and scaling up of innovations and good practices to improve healthcare outcomes.
