

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 122
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2024**

AMBULANCE SERVICES IN ASSAM

122. SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any data about the Ambulance services running for critical patient in Guwahati with the facilities of ICU services, if so, the details, district-wise;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to make the ICU ambulance and general ambulance service easy to every patient;
- (c) whether some villages of Guwahati lack the facility of ambulance services; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide ambulances in remote areas?

ANSWER

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

(a) Under National Health Mission (NHM), Technical and Financial support is provided to the States/UTs to strengthen the public healthcare system, based on the proposals received in the form of Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs). Government of India provides approval for the proposals in the form of Record of Proceedings (RoPs) as per norms & available resources. Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance called as Critical Care Amulance has essential and emergency equipment's including ventilatory support along with one emergency medical technician (EMT) round the clock. There are a total number of 14 ALS deployed in the State of Assam. The District wise distribution of ALS ambulances is as below:

S.No.	Districts	ALS Ambulance Count
1	Barpeta	02
2	Cachar	01
3	Dibrugarh	02
4	Goalpara	01
5	Jorhat	01
6	Kamrup (Metro)	04
7	Nalbari	01
8	Sonitpur	02
Total		14

(b) In the state of Assam, the National Ambulance Services are functional under the NHM. Ambulance services in the form of Basic Life support Ambulances (BLS), Advanced Life support Ambulances (ALS) and boat ambulances are available to provide services for critically ill patients requiring ambulance services. These ambulances are deployed on a 24*7 basis and play a crucial role in providing emergency response services in the state and ensuring individuals requiring emergency medical care are able to reach the nearest health facility within the golden hour to prevent avoidable morbidity and mortality. The service can be availed by dialling the '108' toll free emergency number connected to the Emergency Response Centre.

(c) & (d) Guwahati, being part of Kamrup metro district, is having around 4 (Four) ALS and 27 (Twenty-Seven) BLS ambulances through NHM, which is more than the existing population norms. Further for the state of Assam, special ambulances has also been deployed in remote areas for ensuring round the clock transportation of patients requiring emergency services through 7 (Seven) boat ambulances. A Total of 800 ambulances (779 BLS, 14 ALS & 7 Boat Ambulances) are deployed across the State.
