

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3171  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2019**

**SHORTAGE OF AMBULANCE SERVICE**

**3171. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:**

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 Tamil Nadu;
- (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 STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

- (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 Tamil Nadu under National Health Mission for last three years is annexed.
- (c) & (d): As stated above, financial support is being provided for emergency medical transport of patients under Dial 108, Dial 102/104 ambulance services. However, 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 Tamil Nadu under NHM based on State's Annual Programme Implementation Plans

Financial Year	Dial 108 Type Ambulances
	Numbers of ambulances for which Operational Expenditure is supported/approved under NHM
2017-18	829
2018-19	924
2019-20	924