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

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2199 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020

### CHOPPER SERVICES IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS

#### 2199. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce chopper services in important and premier Government hospitals across the country to ferry critical patients to save lives; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **ANSWER**

# THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) & (b): There is no proposal to introduce chopper services under National Health Mission (NHM). Public health and hospitals is a State subject, as such all matters relating to infrastructure in public health facilities including patient transport lies with the respective State/UT Governments. Under 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 the Dial 108 and Dial 102 ambulance services based on their proposals through Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).