

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 961
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18th SEPTEMBER, 2020**

PROCUREMENT OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENTS FOR CORONA

**961. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH NARAYAN DHANORKAR:
SHRI K. NAVASKANI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government had planned to procure adequate number of PPE kits, sanitation equipment and material to prevent contamination and safeguard the doctors, health workers and para-medical staff and others including police personnel deputed on the task of combating Covid-19 in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there has been an acute shortage of such preventive equipment, all along leading to large scale spread of disease among these health personnel; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and steps taken to tackle the situation especially when cases are being reported in large number throughout the country?

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

(a): Yes. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare anticipating the spread of COVID-19 pandemic in India had planned to procure adequate number of Personnel Protective Equipment including coveralls and N-95 masks. By 31st May 2020 orders had been placed for 192 lakh coveralls and 459 lakh N-95 masks. As on 15.09.2020, 140 lakh coveralls and 344 lakhs N-95 masks have been distributed to the States/UTs and Central Institutions to enable them to equip their Covid related personnel.

(b) & (c): No. There are a large number of indigenous manufacturers of quality certified coveralls and N-95 masks in the country and these products are available on Government e-market place (GeM) also. States are being encouraged to procure the same from the (GeM), anticipating the demand for these products in their State.