

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 979
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18th SEPTEMBER, 2020**

CORONA AFFECTED HEALTH WORKERS IN TAMIL NADU

979. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

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

- (a) the number of frontline warriors like doctors, nurses and para-medical staff etc. who have been found positive with COVID-19 during their duty in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the number of such persons recovered and deaths occurred in Tamil Nadu so far;
- (c) whether the Government has announced any compensation for such persons;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of families of deceased workers who got compensation in Tamil Nadu so far; and
- (e) whether the Government has issued guidelines to the State Government in this regard and, if so, the details thereof?

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

- (a) & (b): Health is a State subject. Information sought for is not maintained at Central level by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- (c): No scheme for compensation for frontline warriors like doctors, nurses and para-medical staff etc. who have been found positive with COVID-19 during their duty has been announced by the Government except for the ‘Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package’ for health workers fighting COVID-19 and contracting the disease resulting in loss of life. This scheme provides an insurance cover of Rs. 50 lakhs to the insured person.
- (d): For Tamil Nadu, so far, a total claim of Rs. 3 crores have been disbursed covering six cases.
- (e): The government has issued detailed advisory including FAQs to all the states about the insurance scheme which has also been made available at the MoHFW website.