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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3957 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH March, 2021

NATIONALISATION OF HEALTH SECTOR

3957. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to nationalise healthcare sector and related services till the pandemic is contained; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise 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): Public Health and Hospitals being the State Subject, all the States/UTs were requested to ensure the provision of services during the current public health challenge arising out of COVID-19. States/UTs are being provided required technical and financial assistance for strengthening their healthcare system including management of the COVID-19 Public Health Challenge from time to time. All the States/UTs are also being provided with necessary financial support under *India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package*.

During the course of the current Pandemic, existing capacities of Private Sector for testing and treatment for COVID-19 have also been utilised by the States/UTs wherever necessary and feasible. Therefore, the question of Nationalisation of Health Services does not arise.