

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

**LOKSABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3195
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH AUGUST, 2021**

“SHORTAGE OF AMBULANCE SERVICE IN RURAL AREAS”

**3195: SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:
SHRIMATI GEETA KORA:
SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme for financing ambulance service under National Health Mission and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of general and critical care ambulances provided to Jharkhand and Bihar under National Health Mission during each of the last three years; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to meet the shortage of ambulance service in the country especially in rural areas?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (c) “Public Health and Hospitals” being a State subject, the primary responsibility of strengthening public healthcare system, including efforts to have required number of ambulances especially in rural areas lies with the respective State/UT Governments. However, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides the technical and financial support to the States/UTs to strengthen their public healthcare system.

Under National Health Mission, States/UTs are being supported to supplement their efforts including the provision of Basic Life Support and Advance Life Support

ambulances, including in rural areas, based on the requirements posted by States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) and within the overall resource envelope.

A statement showing the number of ambulances supported under NHM in the State of Jharkhand and Bihar for last three years as reported by states is annexed.

Annexure

Number of ambulances supported under NHM in the State of Jharkhand and Bihar for last three years as reported by States

Sr. No.	Financial Year	Bihar		Jharkhand	
		Basic Life Support (BLS)	Advance Life Support (ALS)	Basic Life Support (BLS)	Advance Life Support (ALS)
1	2018-19	963	63	287	50
2	2019-20	1179	110	287	50
3	2020-21	1209	170	287	50