

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 666
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 04th FEBRUARY, 2022**

**“AVAILABILITY OF OXYGEN EQUIPMENTS DURING OMICRON
WAVE”**

666 DR. T.R.PAARIVENDHAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted a high level meeting with all States to review the preparedness of the entire spectrum of oxygen equipment including ventilators, Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) plants, oxygen concentrators and oxygen cylinders for the timely and effective management of COVID-19 rise across the country fuelled by the virus's Omicron variant;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the outcome of the meeting;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide any financial and technical assistance to various States subsequent to the said meeting; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE**

(DR BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) & (b): To review the preparedness of the entire spectrum of oxygen equipment including ventilators, Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) plants, oxygen concentrators and oxygen cylinders and for the timely and effective management of COVID-19, the Government has constituted various Empowered Groups (EG) including EG 4 on Oxygen related work. Apart from the monitoring by Empowered Groups, weekly review meetings are being held by the Ministry with State Nodal Officers of States/ UTs to review Medical Oxygen infrastructure preparedness & for timely and effective management of COVID-19 rise across the country.

The outcomes of these meetings are following:-

- (i) Installation & commissioning of all PSA Plants under PM-CARES.
- (ii) Monitoring of establishment of PSA Plants under PSUs, Government of India/ State funds.
- (iii) Mock Drills of all PSA Plants conducted.

- (iv) Capacity building for PSA Plant maintenance.
- (v) Oxygen Audit by all States/ UTs.
- (vi) Training of Oxygen Stewards for rationale use of Oxygen.

(c) & (d) The Government of India has provided the necessary financial and technical assistance to all States/UTs in building up the oxygen infrastructure. Under Emergency Response Package (ECRP)-I & II, the Government has provided Rs. 15,000 Crore and Rs 23,123 Crore respectively to the states for augmentation of health infrastructure, oxygen supported beds, isolation beds, ICUs & Human Resources etc.
