

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3274
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5th AUGUST, 2022**

SHORTAGE OF AMBULANCE SERVICES

**3274. SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:
DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that as per the World Health Organisation, at least one ambulance for emergency response per lakh population is mandated and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of ambulances available under the Emergency Response Service of National Health Mission across the country; and
- (c) whether there is a shortage of ambulance services in the country and if so, the steps taken by the Government to meet the requirements of ambulance service in the country?

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

(a) to (c) Under National Health Mission (NHM), technical and financial support to the States are given as per the proposals submitted by the States/UTs in the form of Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) based on the requirements, including the provision for Dial 108, Dial 102/104, Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advance Life Support (ALS) ambulances under National Ambulance Services (NAS), and the approvals are accorded as Record of Proceedings (RoP) to States/UTs. As per the current norms, it is recommended to have at least one Basic Life Support ambulance at a population of one lakh and one Advanced Life Support ambulance for population of 5 lakhs.

Dial 108 is an emergency response system, primarily designed to attend to patients of critical care, trauma and accident victims etc. Dial 102 services essentially consist of basic patient transport aimed to cater the needs of pregnant women and children, though other categories are also taking benefit and are not excluded. Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakaram (JSSK) entitlements e.g. free transfer from home to facility, inter facility transfer in case of referral and drop back for mother and children are the key focus of 102 service. For Dial 102 service and Dial 108 service, operational cost is supported under NHM.

The State/UT wise number of ambulances supported under NHM as per NHM-MIS report, as on 31st March, 2022 (as reported by States/UTs) is placed at Annexure-I.

Annexure-I

State/UT wise number of Ambulances supported under NHM as per NHM-MIS report, as on 31 st March, 2022 (as reported by States/UTs)					
Sl.no.	State/UTs	Dial 108	Dial 102/104	Other patients transport vehicle	Total Ambulance /Patient Transport Vehicle under NHM
1	Bihar	0	1088	84	1172
2	Chhattisgarh	300	325	0	625
3	Himachal Pradesh	204	125	0	329
4	Jammu & Kashmir	209	286	0	495
5	Jharkhand	337	0	1633	1970
6	Madhya Pradesh	606	854	0	1460
7	Orissa	630	501	0	1131
8	Rajasthan	884	600	0	1484
9	Uttar Pradesh	2200	2270	250	4720
10	Uttarakhand	272	128	0	400
11	Arunachal Pradesh	90	150	0	240
12	Assam	800	0	235	1035
13	Manipur	0	43	0	43
14	Meghalaya	50	0	0	50
15	Mizoram	0	62	3	65
16	Nagaland	0	80	0	80
17	Sikkim	8	1	0	9
18	Tripura	0	50	0	50
19	Andhra Pradesh	628	0	0	628
20	Goa	52	0	4	56
21	Gujarat	800	0	2	802
22	Haryana	635	0	0	635
23	Karnataka	711	0	198	909
24	Kerala	315	0	0	315
25	Maharashtra	937	2674	0	3611
26	Punjab*	0	0	0	0
27	Tamil Nadu	1168	0	0	1168
28	Telangana	426	198	0	624
29	West Bengal	0	981	2639	3620
30	A&N Island	0	1	0	1
31	Chandigarh	6	0	0	6
32	D&N Haveli/Daman & Diu	7	4	0	11
33	Delhi	0	228	9	237
34	Ladakh	4	14	0	18
35	Lakshadweep*	0	0	0	0
36	Puducherry	11	0	0	11

*Note: No demand was placed by State/UT in the NHM PIP.

Source: NHM-MIS report as on 31st March 2022.
