

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 3009
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2024**

TELEMEDICINE SERVICES

3009. DR. GUMMA THANUJA RANI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has implemented any schemes to promote telemedicine in the country especially in rural and remote areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any guidelines for regulation of telemedicine services in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the total budget allocation and spending towards telemedicine during the last three years?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (e) Yes, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) has implemented a telemedicine service known as national telemedicine service (eSanjeevani) and details thereof is as under :

- I. eSanjeevani AB-AAM: It is a provider-to-provider telemedicine system, launched in November 2019 and is based on hub and spoke model.
- II. eSanjeevani OPD: It is a patient-to-provider telemedicine system, launched in April 2020, to enable citizens to get outpatient services in the confines of their homes to provide safe provider-to-patient consultations.

Yes, the Government has formulated Telemedicine Practice Guidelines for regulation of telemedicine services (eSanjeevani).

The budget allocation and spending towards telemedicine during the last three years are as below :

Financial year	Project Allocation (Rs. in Lakhs)	Expenditure (Rs. in Lakhs)
2021-2022	5425.00	608.88
2022-2023	0.00*	2637.79
2023-2024	2444.70	2508.13

*Fund allocated for 2022-2023 were being utilized.
