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TELEMEDICINE NETWORK

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

(a) the present status of using telemedicine technique for providing better health services in the country ;
(b) whether the Government proposes to expand telemedicine network particularly in rural and deprived areas in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the details of funds allocated and used for this purpose?

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

(a) to (c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) rolled out Telemedicine services as a policy intervention under the ambit of Ayushman Bharat Scheme. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) has developed eSanjeevani- (National Telemedicine Service) in technical collaboration with CDAC Mohali. eSanjeevani is a significant step toward digital health equity, aimed at achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC). It is implemented in two variants: (i) eSanjeevani AB-HWC / Ayushman Arogya Mandir – a provider-to-provider telemedicine platform, developed in 2019 and (ii) eSanjeevani OPD – a patient-to-provider telemedicine platform, developed in 2020.

As on 24th November 2024, a total of 31,64,73,391 teleconsultations have been completed through eSanjeevani platform. This facility is currently serving around 4,50,000 patients per day. eSanjeevani (telemedicine) service is operational in more than 1,29,654 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (spoke) and in more than 16,510 hubs located in all States/UTs across different geographical locations and diverse areas. More than 2,26,376 doctors/paramedics are on boarded and trained under eSanjeevani initiative ever since its inception. Till now, amount of Rs. 7528.93 lakh has been allocated and Rs. 7238.61 lakh has been utilised for telemedicine.

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