

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3581
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2025**

MAINTENANCE OF LIFE SUPPORT AMBULANCES

†3581. SHRI SANTOSH PANDEY:

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

- (a) the number of the functional and non-functional Advanced Life Support(ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulances under National Health mission in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether such life support ambulances are available in sufficient numbers in Chhattisgarh, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;;
- (c) the details of the funds provided for maintenance of such ambulances during the last three years; and
- (d) whether any audit of ambulances and equipments is conducted by the Government, if so, the details thereof?

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

(a): As per NHM-MIS, September 2024, the total number of functional ALS and BLS ambulances running across the country under NAS is 3,058 and 15,475 respectively. The state-wise details of functional ambulances including Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulances is at **Annexure**.

(b): The recommended population norm for supporting States/UTs under National Health Mission for ALS ambulance is one per 500,000 people and for BLS ambulances, the norm is one per 100,000 people. As per NHM-MIS, September 2024, there are 30 Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulances and 296 Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulances functioning in the State of Chhattisgarh. This support is provided based on the Programme Implementation Plan (PIPs) submitted by the State.

(c): Under National Health Mission (NHM), funds for the maintenance of the ambulances are in-built in the Opex cost and is being provided to the States/UTs based on the proposals made by them in their respective Programme Implementation Plan proposals within their overall resource envelope. However, the funds allocated to the State Government of Chhattisgarh for

ambulances under NHM since year 2022 are detailed below:

(Rs. in Lakhs)

State	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Chhattisgarh	8,935.00	11,340.77	8,576.12

The operational cost for ambulances includes maintenance expenses.

(d): The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare provides technical and financial support to States/UTs for strengthening the National Ambulance Services across the nation. “Public Health and Hospitals” is State subject, the primary responsibility of strengthening public healthcare system, including efforts to have required number of ambulances ensuring their functionality and operationality lies with the respective State/UT Governments. The implementation progress and performance of ambulances are regularly monitored through regular review meetings and field visits conducted through NHM.

ANNEXURE

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3581 for 21.03.2025 asked by Shri Santosh Pande, Hon'ble MP regarding "Maintenance of Life Support Ambulances".

State/UT wise number of functional ALS and BLS ambulances

State/UT	Advanced Life Support (ALS)	Basic Life Support (BLS)
Andhra Pradesh	105	523
Arunachal Pradesh	0	112
Assam	14	779
Bihar	576	1082
Chhattisgarh	30	296
Goa	27	0
Gujarat	175	425
Haryana	55	264
Himachal Pradesh	25	173
Jharkhand	124	418
Karnataka	231	484
Kerala	0	315
Madhya Pradesh	167	835
Maharashtra	233	704
Manipur	0	0
Meghalaya	12	38
Mizoram	0	0
Nagaland	0	27
Odisha	411	449
Punjab	25	300
Rajasthan	147	797
Sikkim	0	8
Tamil Nadu	205	1148
Telangana	31	426
Tripura	0	50
Uttarakhand	54	217
Uttar Pradesh	250	4470
West Bengal	0	1000
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	26
Chandigarh	0	6
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	0	0
Delhi	0	29
Jammu & Kashmir	139	64
Ladakh	22	0
Lakshadweep	0	0
Puducherry	0	10
Total	3058	15475

Source: NHM-MIS, September, 2024