GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COAL

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO †4190 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025

Life Saving Surgeries under 'Nanha Sa Dil' Initiative

†4190. Shri Bharatsinhji Shankarji Dabhi:

Shri Rajesh Naranbhai Chudasama:

Shri Rajkumar Chahar:

Shri Bunty Vivek Sahu:

Shri Parbhubhai Nagarbhai Vasava:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of children benefited from life saving surgeries under the 'Nanha Sa Dil' initiative so far along with the estimated number of beneficiaries during the next five years;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide additional financial support to scale up the said initiative through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) allocation of Coal India Limited (CIL);
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to sign Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with other healthcare institutions to increase access to life saving surgeries; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a): The number of children who have benefited from life-saving surgeries under the *Nanha Sa Dil* initiative by Coal India Limited (CIL) and some of its subsidiaries stands at 338 as of 25.02.2025. As per the current MoUs with CIL & Subsidiaries, projected number of beneficiaries are approximately 2,522 under this initiative in the coming years.
- (b) & (c): At present, the Government has no plans to provide additional financial support beyond CIL's CSR allocation.
- (d) & (e): Pertaining to partnerships under CSR by CIL and its subsidiaries with other healthcare institutions to expand access to life-saving surgeries are as under:
 - 1. CIL is running the Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojana (TBSY) scheme with 17 major hospitals across the country to support Bone Marrow Transplants (BMTs) of eligible Thalassemia and Aplastic Anemia patients. Under the initiative, total 680 surgeries have been completed as on date.
 - 2. Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) is supporting 100 life-saving pediatric heart surgeries at Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission Hospital, Nagpur.
 - 3. Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) runs its flagship project CHARAK (Community Health: A Responsive Action for Koylanchal) which is aimed at providing free treatment for the patients suffering from identified Life-Threatening diseases belonging to Economically Weaker Sections of Singrauli region. Till date, 7 surgeries have been completed.
