GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2259
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH JULY, 2016

TELEMEDICINE

2259. SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY:
SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to expand the telemedicine network throughout the country including rural and deprived areas, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the potential of telemedicine to bridge the rural-urban divide by facilitating low cost consultation and diagnostic facilities to remote areas, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of fully functional telemedicine units installed in rural areas, State/UT-wise including Bihar, and

(d) whether the Government has conducted an awareness programme with regard to promoting telemedicine, if so, the details thereof along with the number of persons benefitted from telemedicine during the last three years, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) to (d):   Yes, the Government is aware of the potential of the Telemedicine in providing low cost consultations. Health being a State subject, many State Governments have already setup dedicated Telemedicine centres which facilitate Specialist consultations. No centralised database of such centres is maintained.

The Central Government is facilitating expansion of telemedicine through establishment of National Medical College Network in 41 Government Medical Colleges. Department of Space is also operating 105 Telemedicine centres across the Country. Information as provided by Department of Space is given in Annexure.

State/UT wise details of Telemedicine Centres

S. No	States/UTs	No of Telemedicine Nodes linked by ISRO
1.	ANDHRA PRADESH	5
2.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0
3.	ASSAM	5
4.	BIHAR	0
5.	CHHATTISGARH	0
6.	GOA	0
7.	GUJARAT	1
8.	HARYANA	1
9.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	2
10.	JAMMU &KASHMIR	7
11.	JHARKHAND	0
12.	KARNATAKA	22
13.	KERALA	15
14.	MADHYA PRADESH	8
15.	MAHARASHTRA	0
16.	MANIPUR	1
17.	MEGHALAYA	2
18.	MIZORAM	0
19.	NAGALAND	1
20.	ODISHA	8
21.	PUNJAB	2
22.	RAJASTHAN	1
23.	SIKKIM	0
24.	TAMILNADU	8
25.	TELANGANA	0
26.	TRIPURA	0
27.	UTTAR PRADESH	3
28.	UTTARAKHAND	1
29.	WEST BENGAL	1
30.	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	3
31.	CHANDIGARH	0
32.	DADRA NAGAR HAVELI	2
33.	DELHI	1
34.	DIU & DAMAN	0
35.	LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS	3
36.	PUDUCHERRY	2
	Total	**105**