

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4920  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2023**

**AMBULANCE SERVICES**

**4920. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has provided sufficient technical and financial support to Himachal Pradesh to strengthen the public healthcare system during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of Basic Life Support and Advance Life Support ambulance services provided to Himachal Pradesh under National Health Mission during the last three years; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to meet the shortage of ambulance service in the country especially in rural areas?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE**

**(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) & (b) National Health Mission (NHM) envisages achievement of universal access to equitable, affordable & quality health care services that are accountable and responsive to people's needs. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs to strengthen the public healthcare system, based on the proposals received in the form of Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs). Government of India provides approval for the proposals in the form of Record of Proceedings (RoPs) as per norms & available resources.

The details of RoPs issued to Himanchal Pradesh during the last three years and the current year are available at following web link.

<https://nhm.gov.in/index1.php?lang=1&level=1&sublinkid=1377&lid=744>

(c) & (d): The details of Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advance Life Support (ALS) ambulances services provided to Himachal Pradesh under National Health Mission during the last three years are:

(Source: State ROP)

<b>Type of Ambulance</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-24</b>
BLS	173	173	173
ALS	25	25	25

Under the National Health Mission, Basic life support ambulances (BLS), Advanced life support ambulances (ALS) are supported by the National Ambulance Services (NAS). An ALS is supported for an average population of five Lakh and a BLS Ambulance is supported for over one lakh population. States are at liberty to propose the number of ambulances as per the norm to fill the gap. Norms have been defined for the number of drugs, equipment, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) etc. in both ALS & BLS. NHM norms are available for the support of operationalisation of these ALS & BLS.

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