

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1317
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH FEBRUARY 2024**

USE OF DRONES IN HEALTH SECTOR

**1317. SHRI L. S. TEJASVI SURYA:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:
SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:
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SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI TAPIR GAO:
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DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to bring any reforms in the healthcare sector with respect to the use of drones for the healthcare services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana to enhance the accessibility of healthcare for people residing in remote areas?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (c): The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)'s i-DRONE initiative has completed various research projects to establish evidence for the use of drones for transporting various healthcare medical essentials such as vaccines, medications, diagnostic samples, blood and its components, etc. in various regions and terrain in India.

This Ministry with the support of National Health System Resource Centre (NHSRC) has initiated a pilot project for use of drones across 29 institutions including 13 AIIMS set up under Prime Minister Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) to provide healthcare related services to identified Community Health Centres (CHCs) with a view to enhance outreach and accessibility of healthcare services in remote and areas with difficult geographical terrain.
