

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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AMBULANCE SERVICES ON NHS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government/NHAI has any proposal to introduce ambulance service on National Highways (NHs) in the country; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS (SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is implementing a Scheme titled "Project for establishment of trauma care facilities along National Highways" during the 11th Five Year Plan, at a total outlay of Rs. 732.75 crore to develop a network of Trauma Centers along the Golden Quadrilateral, North-South and East West Corridors of the National Highways to help the accident victims. The project comprises well equipped life support ambulances at every 50 Kilometer of the completed stretches of the National Highways equipped with life support equipments and trained staff, to be provided by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). Presently, NHAI has provided 147 ambulances on the National Highways entrusted to them.

The places where these ambulances are stationed may be seen at Annexure I. Further, the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways is committed to provide 140 advanced life support ambulances to 140 identified hospitals under this Scheme.

In addition to above, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, under the scheme "National Highways Accident Relief Service Scheme (NHARSS)" has provided 437 ambulances to States/ UTs/NGOs for relief and rescue measures on National Highways in the aftermath of accidents by way of evacuating road accident victims to the nearest medical aid centre. The ambulances distributed to various States may be seen at Annexure-II.