

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF HELIPADS NEAR HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government plans to build helipads alongside every hospital at a distance of 100 km. so as to provide quicker rescue to the accident victims;
- (b) if so, the details of the scheme and the time by which the same is likely to be implemented; and
- (c) the total expenditure likely to be incurred and the number of helicopters required for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a):- At present, there is no such proposal in the Ministry of Civil Aviation. However, National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) has been requested by the Ministry to consider keeping a provision for helipad/heliport at every hundred KM on the National Highways so that relief helicopters do not face infrastructural constraints in their already stressful operations.

(b) and (c):- Do not arise.