

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2868

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NATIONAL ACCIDENT RELIEF SERVICES SCHEME

Kashyap Shri Virender;Thakur Shri Anurag Singh

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government has received any request from Government of Himachal Pradesh in September, 2010 to make available ten heavy duty cranes, ten small recovery cranes and eighteen ambulances under the scheme to grant Central financial assistance under National Accident Relief Services Scheme;

(b) if so, the details and present status thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said cranes and ambulances are likely to be made available?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS (DR. TUSHAR A. CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c) Yes Madam. Under National Highways Accident Relief Service Scheme (NHARSS), this Ministry has provided 11 Heavy duty cranes, 17 small recovery cranes and 15 ambulances to Government of Himachal Pradesh till date. The proposals regarding Heavy duty cranes and small recovery cranes received from the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh along with others have been considered and the Ministry has decided to supply five small recovery cranes specially designed for Hilly areas, to the Government of Himachal Pradesh during the current financial year.

As regards ambulances, the Ministry is committed to supply 140 advanced life support ambulances to 140 identified Trauma Centers being upgraded under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's scheme 'establishment of an integrated network of Trauma Centres' along with the Golden Quadrilateral (GQ), North South- East West Corridor of the National Highways during the 11th five year plan. Therefore, it is not possible to provide ambulance to the Government of Himachal Pradesh during the current financial year.