

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study on the current state of Road Ambulances in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has set any specific technical and design standards for road ambulances in the country in general and the ambulances purchased under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in particular;
- (d) if not, whether the Government is considering specifying such standards for road ambulances in the country particularly for those purchased under the NRHM; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a) & (b): Yes. A study on Emergency Response Services, with specific reference to the EMRI model in states namely Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat, had been commissioned under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, in November 2008. Haryana Road Ambulance Systems has also been studied. The study was an overall appraisal of the performance of the EMRI model of emergency ambulance system analysis of secondary data/reports to understand and recommend on utilization, requirements, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, financing arrangements and governance mechanisms and institutional frameworks.

(c) to (e) Health being a State subject, the ambulance services are implemented by respective State/UT Governments as per their own design, requirements and priorities. Under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) funds are released to all States/UTs by the Government of India to carry out the activity as per the requirement projected by the State/UT Government in their Annual Programme Implementation Plan.