

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

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HEALTHCARE TRANSPORTATION UNDER NRHM

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

- (a) whether lack of transportation facilities acts as a serious hindrance in the utilization of healthcare services by the rural poor in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of patients died due to inadequate care given during transportation for the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to introduce a pan India `National Ambulance Code` and interlink all existing and new ambulances under the centralized toll free number;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated under the National Rural Health Mission for undertaking various emergency health transportation facilities during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the other steps the Government is taking to improve the healthcare transportation facilities in the country?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) Under National Rural Health Mission[NRHM], as on 30-9-2012, a total of 6470 Ambulances are operational in States/UTs in the country for transportation of patients. Besides, this, 5525 Emergency Response Service[ERS] Vehicles are also operational in 21 States/UTs in the country. Health being a State subject, the implementation of various health activities and day to day functions are managed by respective State/UT Governments. The Central Government does not maintain data with regard to patient deaths occurring on account of inadequate care during transportation.
- (c) At present, there is no such proposal under consideration.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) Under NRHM, all State/UT Governments project their requirements of funds for undertaking various activities including ambulances and emergency medical response vehicles for improvement in health care transportation facilities in their respective annual Programme Implementation Plan [PIP]. The Government of India releases the funds for taking up the approved activities.