

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

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HEALTH CENTRES IN TRIBAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to provide ambulance services, alongwith availability of medicines and setting up diagnostic centres in the Scheduled Castes and Tribal areas in Bihar and other States of the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the time by which the said facilities and health centres for the persons of the said communities are likely to be set up in future; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the numbers thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Under National Rural Health Mission [NRHM] all State/UT Governments including Government of Bihar project their requirements of funds for various activities as per their priorities in their respective annual Programme Implementation Plan [PIP]. The activities include requirement of funds for establishment of health centres at the level of Sub-Centres (SCs), Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Community Health Centres (CHCs) and for providing ambulance services and improving availability of medicines. States are encouraged to give priority to areas with Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe population while formulating their requirement. Based on the recommendations of the National Programme Coordination Committee, the Government of India releases funds for taking up the approved activities.

The Government of Bihar has informed that 50 ambulances under toll free number 108 and 513 ambulances both Private and Government under toll free number 102 are operational. In addition 504 Basic Life Saving[BLS] ambulances have also been launched on 1-5-12 under Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakarm to improve total transportation capacity.

The State of Bihar has less than 1 % Scheduled Tribe population. No facilities are set up specifically to cater to SC/ST population only. 534 Primary Health Centres are running in the state where diagnostic facilities have also been set up. All the important medicines are given free of cost to the patients of OPD and IPD including Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe patients.