

**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 taken note that absence of dependable transportation facilities acts as a serious hindrance in the utilisation of healthcare services by the rural people in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the funds sanctioned, released and utilised 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 including Jharkhand; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to enhance rural emergency health transportation services in the country including Jharkhand?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

- (a) Lack of dependable transportation facilities would act as a hindrance to the utilisation of health care services by the people in the country.

Public Health being a State subject, provision of healthcare facilities fall under the jurisdiction of respective State/UT Governments. However, under the National Health Mission (NHM), the Government of India provides financial support to States/UTs for strengthening of healthcare systems including support for emergency transport sendees for patients, based on the requirement posed by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

- (b): Statement showing State wise Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) Approval and Expenditure on Referral Transport reported by the State/TJT during each of the last three years and the current year is Annexed.

- (c): As mentioned above, under NHM support is being provided to States/UTs including for emergency transport services for patients, wherein the states operate Dial 108, Dial 102/Dial 104 and empanelled vehicles.

Dial 102/104 services primarily cater to the needs of pregnant women and sick children transportation while Dial 108 caters primarily to the needs of critical care/ trauma patients. There are 7096 Dial 108 type ambulances and 6773 Dial 102/104 type ambulances operational under NHM.

Besides Dial 108 and Dial 102/104 type ambulances, a total of 5,447 private vehicles are empanelled for transportation of patients, particularly pregnant women and sick infants from home to public health facilities and back.

As per the report of State Government of Jharkhand, the following mechanisms are in place in Jharkhand for rural emergency health transportation services:-

1. 117 ambulances are in operation in various District Hospitals, Sub-divisional Hospitals & Community Health Centres.
2. 2498 Mamta Vahan are operational in the State. These vehicles are used to transport pregnant women from their homes to the health facility & back.