

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

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EMERGENCY EVACUATION OF PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Govt, has put in Place any institutional mechanism for emergency evacuation of patients from Lakshadweep Islands to mainland for specialised treatment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Public health is a State subject. No such mechanism has been put in place by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. However, as per information received from the UT of Lakshadweep;

(i) The patients who are not manageable in the peripheral Islands are evacuated to Indira Gandhi Flospital Kavaratti or Rajiv Gandhi Speciality Hospital Agatti.

(ii) The patients who are not manageable in these institutions are evacuated to mainland by arranging special sortie of helicopter (Air Ambulance).