

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:194
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TELEMEDICINE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) The present status of e-health including telemedicine technology and the details of the hospitals/centres connected through it in the country, hospital/centre and State/UT-wise;
- (b) Whether the Government proposes to promote telemedicine with introduction of advance telemedicine tools such as wearable medical devices, telecardiology and teleradiology to address the gap between urban- rural healthcare delivery and access to healthcare and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the Government/Medical Council of India (MCI) has accorded/ proposes to accord recognition to medicine prescriptions through telemedicine call centres and also prescriptions received through SMS for financial benefits such as reimbursements, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) The funds allocated/utilized for this purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) The other steps taken/being taken by the Government for the expansion and promotion of the network of e-health including telemedicine, particularly in the rural, tribal and underserved areas across the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 194 FOR 05TH DECEMBER, 2014

- (a) (i) Government has taken a number of steps for use of ICT for improving service delivery. These include pan-India IT systems like Mother and Child Tracking System (MCTS) for tracking Mother and Child Health Care Services, Health Management Information System (HMIS) to monitor delivery of services at facility level.
- (ii) At present, 153 Telemedicine Centres established by ISRO (Department of Space) by using Space technology are operational through INSAT satellites and the State/UT- wise list is given in Annexure-I.
- (b) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) is promoting technologies like remote patient monitoring, tele -Health including tele-cardiology, tele-radiology etc.
- (c) No.
- (d) The State/ UT wise details of the funds allocated/utilized on account of various e-health initiatives during each of the last three years and the current year are given at Annexure-II.
- (e) Following steps have been taken by the Government for the expansion and promotion of the network of e-health including telemedicine, particularly in the rural, tribal and underserved areas across the country :
 - (i) MoHFW has decided to establish National Medical College Network with 41 Government Medical Colleges in the first phase for the purposes of e-Education and e-Healthcare Delivery.
 - (ii) A Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Health Mission Mode Project under National e-Governance Plan has been prepared for comprehensive and integrated adoption of ICT in the areas of Public Health, Hospital Information System including Electronic Health Record (EHR), Citizens Portal, Supply Chain Management & Health Sector Governance.