

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2225
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST JULY 2026**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCES UNDER NHM

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

- (a) the details of the annual financial assistance provided to the States under National Health Mission (NHM) for the operation and maintenance of 108 Emergency Response Services and Janani Express vehicles;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that the ambulance response in Sidhi District is considerably high and that, pregnant women and critically ill patients often fail to reach hospitals in time due to the breakdown of vehicles, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total number of new ambulances and Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulances sanctioned for the Parliamentary constituency during the last two years;
- (d) the total number of such vehicles functioning properly in the district; and
- (e) whether the payments due to the agencies providing these services are being made on time, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a): “Public Health” and “Hospital” are state subject, the primary responsibility for strengthening public healthcare system, including adequately equipped ambulances, especially for emergency care network, lies with the respective State/UT Governments.

However, under National Health Mission (NHM), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides the technical and financial support to the States/UTs as per the proposals submitted by them in the form of Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) based on the requirements, including the provision for Dial 108, Dial 102/104, Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advance Life Support (ALS) ambulances, and the approvals are accorded as Record of Proceedings (RoP) to States/UTs. Dial 108 is predominantly an emergency response system, primarily designed to attend to patients of critical care, trauma and accident victims etc. The RoPs can be accessed at

<https://nhm.gov.in/index1.php?lang=1&level=1&sublinkid=1377&lid=744>.

(b) to (e): As per the information provided by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh, in District Sidhi, the average response time for the 108 Ambulance service is 19 minutes and 51

seconds in rural areas and 18 minutes and 17 seconds in urban sectors. Similarly, the Janani clocks an average response time of 15 minutes and 33 seconds in rural areas and 13 minutes and 50 seconds in urban sectors. These operational timelines are in accordance with the service delivery standards prescribed by the Government of India (NAS).

As informed by the State, no new Basic Life Support (BLS) or Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulances have been sanctioned in Sidhi parliamentary constituency over the last two financial years. The district's existing fleet is fully operational with zero mechanical or logistical disruptions. The active deployment includes 17 Basic Life Support (BLS) Ambulances, 03 Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulances and 19 Janani Express (Patient Transport Vehicles).

Further, the State has informed that there are no outstanding liabilities or pending vendor payments at the state level. The State systematically executes all financial clearings immediately upon receiving valid invoices.
