

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 39
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25th November 2024)

HELICOPTER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government is contemplating a scheme for Helicopter Emergency Medical Services in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether and by when this service will be adequately made available across all States of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (e) whether services offered under this scheme will be affordable to increase accessibility of such services for persons from diverse socio-economic backgrounds, especially those living in remote villages in various parts of the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) and (b): Ministry of Civil Aviation in collaboration with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) and the Government of Uttarakhand, has launched Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) under the pilot project 'Sanjeevani' on 29th October, 2024 at All India Institute Of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) , Rishikesh. This project aims to provide timely transportation for accident victims and patients from within a radius of 150 km of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Rishikesh in the state of Uttarakhand ensuring that patients in remote areas receive emergency critical care.

(c) and (d): At present, HEMS has so far been launched on a pilot basis only in the State of Uttarakhand.

(e) and (f): The project is funded jointly by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Government of Uttarakhand and the service is being provided free of cost to the patient.
