

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

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EQUIPPING HOSPITALS/ PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRES WITH PORTABLE EQUIPMENT

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

(a) Whether the Government proposes to equip the Government hospitals and primary health centres with portable equipment to provide healthcare services at home in villages and to those above 60 years;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether it is also proposed to encourage private sector with incentives and concessional import of specialized portable equipment to help people get health care services and pathological tests done at home and formulate a policy framework to extend the services to rural areas; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)&(b) Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) for Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Community Health Centers(CHCs) formulated under National Rural Health Mission

(NRHM) have prescribed friendly infrastructure for physically challenged.It has also been decided to take health care to the door step of the public in the rural areas, especially in under-served areas by providing one Mobile Medical Unit [MMU] per District in all States/UTs. These MMUs will be provided with diagnostic and specialized facilities/services.

(c)&(d) Under Public Private Partnership,conducting diagnostic services at different facilities including tele-consultation on radiological tests and decentralized collection of pathological samples to expand the availability of these services has been undertaken.