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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1058 TO BE ANSWERED ON 7thDECEMBER, 2021

SPENDING FUNDS UNDER CSR FOR COVID-19 RELATED RELIEF WORKS

1058. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has allowed Governmental and non-Governmental companies to spend funds under the Corporate Social Responsibility scheme for the relief works related to COVID-19, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the details of funds spent in Uttar Pradesh including Etah and Mainpuri districts by Government and non-Government companies for relief works related to COVID-19 during the year 2020-21?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

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(a) to (b) Ministry of Corporate Affairs has mention that The Government provides broad framework for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) under the Companies Act, 2013 ('Act'), and Companies (CSR Policy) Rules, 2014. Ministry of Corporate Affairs has clarified that CSR funds maybe spent by the Companies for various activities related to COVID-19 for promoting healthcare including preventive healthcare and sanitation, and disaster management. Furthermore Ministry of Corporate Affairs had also clarified that spending of CSR funds for setting up makeshift hospitals and temporary COVID care facilities and 'creating health infrastructure for COVID care', 'establishment of medical oxygen generation and storage plants', manufacturing and supply of oxygen concentrators, ventilators, cylinders and other medical equipment for countering COVID-19' and COVID-19 vaccination for persons other than the employees and their families are eligible CSR activities.

On the basis of filing made by companies, CSR amount spent in the State of Uttar Pradesh (including Etah and Mainpuri districts) by various companies in "Health Care" under item no. (i) of Schedule VII of the Act for the financial year2020-21is given below:

| Type of Company | Amount Spent (in Cr.) |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| PSU | 10.70 |
| Non-PSU | 167.36 |
| Total | 178.06 |

(Data upto 30.09.2021) (Source: National CSR Data Portal)