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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1719 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2024

DEPLOYMENT OF BHISM CUBES

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

- (a) the role of Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog & Maitri (BHISM) cubes in providing emergency life saving clinical care in the event of disaster/public health emergency;
- (b) the capacity of BHISM cubes to handle the cases of diverse nature in emergency situations such as trauma, bleeding, burns etc.; and
- (c) the total number of cubes placed in the first phase?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

(a) to (c): The Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita & Maitri (BHISHM) Cubes are advanced mobile modular kits, designed to offer rapid, first-line medical care in the management of patients during first few hours following a disaster situation or public health emergencies.

The BHISHM Cube is built for maximum flexibility and for rapid deployment, with the ability to be delivered by air, sea, land, or drones, enabling quick response in remote or conflict zones. This multi-modal deployment capability ensures that the cubes can reach the most critical areas with minimal delay.

BHISHM Cubes are specifically engineered to handle a broad spectrum of patients that are common in disaster zones, which includes trauma, hemorrhage, burns, fractures, and other life-threatening injuries. In addition to its medical capabilities, each BHISHM Cube is equipped with survival provisions for a medical crew of up to five personnel for 48 hours. This includes food, water, shelter, power stations, and other survival aids, ensuring that teams can operate independently in austere conditions until further assistance arrives.

Further, in the initial phase of deployment, BHISHM Cubes have been dispatched to Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Ukraine for humanitarian aid and used in Ayodhya during Pran Pratishtha ceremony.
