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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 85 TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd February, 2021

DEATH OF HEALTHCARE WORKERS DUE TO COVID-19

85 SHRI BINOY VISWAM:

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of healthcare staff, including doctors, nurses and ASHA workers who have been affected by and died due to COVID-19
- (b) whether the Ministry has collated any data from the State Governments regarding the same and
- (c) whether the data presented by the Indian Medical Association regarding the number of healthcare workers who have died due to COVID-19 has been taken note of by the Ministry and any follow up verification of the same done?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) & (b): Based on the intimations received from the states on Healthcare staff, including Doctors, Nurse and ASHA worker who have been affected and died from COVID-19 (As per Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP: Insurance Scheme) is placed below:

No. of Healthcare Staff died due to COVID-19		
(as on 22.01.2021)		
Doctors	Nurses	ASHA workers
162	107	44

(c): The process of insurance disbursement has been de-centralized under the PMGKP: Insurance Scheme. Accordingly, the verification of a person affected and died to COVID-19 vests with the concerned State Governments/Central Government authorities.

The necessary certification for claims is done by Healthcare Institution/ organization/ office where the deceased was an employee of /engaged by the institution. They submit the documents to the Competent authority for State/UT, or the Competent authority for Central Government, Central Autonomous / PSU Hospitals, AIIMS, INIs and Hospitals of other Central Ministries, as the case may be.

The Competent Authorities then forward and submit claim to the insurance company.