



Ambulance Service Started in Five Districts of Jharkhand

Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on August 8, 2023, under the National Health Mission, orders have been given to deploy ambulances under dial 108 emergency service in Jharkhand, under which 5 districts have been selected.

Key Points:

- In the first phase of deployment of ambulances in the state, approval has been given for regular operation of ambulances ensuring their stoppage at 69 base locations in Dhanbad, Hazaribagh, Khunti, Lohardaga and Ramgarh districts.
- All the 206 new ambulances parked in the NHM campus are being gradually deployed at the designated places.
- In the second phase, ambulance service will be started in Ranchi, Giridih, Dumka, Palamu, East Singhbhum and Pakur districts, for which recruitment of drivers and para emergency medical technicians is being done.
- It is known that in place of the old company M/s Jikitza Health Care Limited, the new company GBK Emergency Management and Research Institute (EMRI Green Health Services) of Secunderabad will take over its responsibility.
- The old company, Jikitza, was asked to hand over the same to the concerned company by 12 midnight on 18th August.
- It is known that since November 14, 2017, free 108 ambulance service is being run in Jharkhand. Under the MoU, the company's agreement with the government expired on November 14, 2022.
- The injured, general patients and pregnant women will get the benefit of ambulance service under emergency service.
- How many ambulances will be started in the state?
 - Dhanbad 27
 - Hazaribagh 19
 - Ramgarh 10
 - Lohardaga 6
 - Khunti 6
- In the respective districts, if an accident has to be taken to the hospital for treatment, a sick person or the elderly in the family should be taken to the hospital for health check-up from home, or a pregnant woman should be taken for delivery, people should call 108. But according to the case, immediate service will be available. The service of all ambulances is being made available 24 hours.
- These features will be:
 - 51 Ventilator Supported Advanced Life Support (ALS)
 - 131 Basic Life Support (BLS) with oxygen
 - 24 Child Care Supported NeoNatal Life (ALS Neo Natal) Support Ambulance



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