# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 4**

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**Mr M G P Lekota (Cope) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) Are all Government hospitals, including rural hospitals, equipped with the necessary functioning and lifesaving equipment in emergency sections such as casualty, maternity, intensive care unit, neonatal units, trauma or theatre; if not, why not;

(2) will his department provide a list of (a) all Government hospitals and (b) the number of functioning (i) blood gas machines, (ii) partograms, (iii) paediatric ventilators, (iv) neonatal central lines, (v) hard trauma collars and (vi) anesthetic machines with a capnogram, allocated to each hospital; if not, why not; if so, in each case what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

(1) All hospitals inclusive of rural hospitals are equipped with necessary functioning and life saving equipments in emergency sections.

(2) (a) & (b) An explanation of the equipment provided at all levels of care is elaborated below in (i) - (vi) -

(i) Blood gas machines in district hospitals are available in theatres and also provided National Health Laboratory Services (NHLS), which is on site for trauma cases, and in the higher level of care from regional hospitals is available in trauma units, theatres and intensive care units;

(ii) Partograms are available in all antenatal care units in maternity as from district hospitals to the higher level of care;

(iii) Paediatric ventilators are available to all regional hospitals where paediatric services are provided and higher level of care as this forms part of specialised care. CPAPs are available in district hospitals with high care units;

(iv) Neonatal central lines are available in Neonatal Intensive Care units as from regional hospitals to the higher level of care;

(v) Hard trauma collars are available from Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and also in trauma units in all hospitals;

(vi) Anaesthetic machine with capnogram are available in all theatres in all hospitals.

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