

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2367
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH DECEMBER, 2016**

HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME FOR BPL FAMILIES

**2367. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:**

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

(a) whether Government is preparing a new Health Insurance Scheme in the country particularly for the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the poor persons are likely to get the facility of free treatment in private hospitals under the said scheme on the lines of Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) and, if so, the details of the said scheme?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

(a) & (b): Yes, the Hon'ble Finance Minister in his Budget Speech for 2016-17 on 29.02.2016, announced that "Government will launch a new health protection scheme which will provide health cover up to Rs. One lakh per family belonging to poor and economically weak families. For Senior Citizens of age 60 years and above, belonging to this category, an additional top-up package up to Rs. 30,000 will be provided."

Senior Citizen Health Insurance Scheme has already been implemented w.e.f. 01.04.2016.

New health protection scheme is under consideration of Government.