

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3622
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH MARCH, 2018**

WORKING GROUP ON NHPS

3622. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that six working groups of officials from States and Union Territories were formed to finalize the contours of the National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that a National consultation was organized for Health Department officials from all States and Union Territories to discuss on the NHPS; and
- (d) if so, the deliberations made in the said consultation meeting?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Yes. Six working groups were formed to look into the issues relating to various preparatory activities for the proposed National Health Protection Scheme / Ayushman Bharat – National Health Protection Mission (AB-NHPM), involving officials from States and Union Territories. Government has now approved the launch of AB-NHPM. The details of such working groups are as under:

- i. Working Group on Processes
- ii. Working Group on Information Technology
- iii. Working Group on Fraud Detection and Grievances
- iv. Working Group on Awareness Generation
- v. Working Group on Institutional Arrangements
- vi. Working Group on Continuum of Care

(c): Yes.

(d): The meeting of the working groups took place during two days' National Consultation held on 15-16 February, 2018. The groups had detailed deliberations on various aspects relating to implementation of the scheme. Best practices for processes like beneficiary identification, hospital empanelment, hospitalization services, grievance redressal mechanisms, IT infrastructure etc. were identified. States also shared the current challenges being faced and the way forward.

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