

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2339  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2023**

**SAFETY OF UHI DATA**

**2339 SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR:**

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

- (a) whether Government guarantee that personal health data collected under the unified healthcare interface (UHI) database would be safe from prying, misuse or financial utilisation;
- (b) the guarantees to ensure that data of patients under the UHI would not be given to or obtained or utilised by insurance or pharmaceutical companies; and
- (c) whether it will be used for DNA analysis of any type or for any research purposes?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (c) ‘Privacy by Design’ is one of the key guiding principles of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) and implemented following the principles of federated digital architecture. There is no centralised repository of data. ABDM facilitates secure data exchange between the intended stakeholders on ABDM network after the patient’s consent. Health Data Management Policy specifies that no data shall be shared with any other entity including insurance and pharmaceutical companies without consent of the individual.

Under ABDM, the Unified Health Interface (UHI) focuses on the delivery of health services. It is an interoperable network that allows patients and health service providers to interact seamlessly. It allows patients to search for health service providers, book appointments, and avail services. The Unified Health Interface does not collect or transmit patients’ health data. It only transmits requests for services such as teleconsultation and diagnostics.

Unified Health Interface is governed by the Health Data Management Policy (HDMP) for any exchange of personal health data between patients and providers. UHI is not used for DNA analysis of any type or for any research purposes.

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