

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3096  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023**

**INCLUSION OF BENEFICIARIES UNDER AB-PMJAY**

**3096. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the pace of inclusion of beneficiaries under Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) is very slow; and
- (b) when this scheme was introduced and the number of beneficiaries covered under the scheme till date and by when the scheme is likely to meet the target fixed in this regard?

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

(a) & (b): Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya (AB-PMJAY) launched on 23.09.2018 is the largest publicly funded health protection scheme in the world which provides health cover of Rs. 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to 60 crore beneficiaries. Flexibility has been provided to States/UTs to use non-SECC beneficiary family database for tagging against the leftover (unauthenticated) SECC families. Accordingly, many States/UTs have shared database of poor and vulnerable families against unidentified SECC families and expanded the beneficiary base to approximately 15.5 crore families at their own cost. These databases have been integrated with NHA's IT system for card creation.

As of 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023, a total of 23.3 crore beneficiaries have been verified under the scheme and over 4.49 crore hospital admissions worth Rs. 54,224 crore have been authorized through a network of 26,434 empanelled health care providers including 11,500 private hospitals.

Targets are not fixed for AB-PMJAY as the scheme operates on the basis of beneficiary demand for healthcare services. All the eligible beneficiaries of the implementing States/UTs are entitled for services under the scheme from day one of the launch of the scheme.

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