

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3134
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH MARCH, 2023**

AYUSHMAN BHARAT SCHEME AND ODISHA'S HEALTHCARE MODEL

3134. DR. AMAR PATNAIK:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that, despite more allocation to the Ayushman Bharat scheme this year, the Odisha-led state equivalent Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) is far better in terms of budget allocation, number of beneficiaries covered, and organ transplant aid;
- (b) the details of Government's strategy on improvising the scheme and plan of action with respect to identifying the bottlenecks in the scheme and addressing the loopholes;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya (AB-PMJAY) 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. Many States/UTs implementing AB-PMJAY have expanded the beneficiary base to approximately 15.5 crore families at their own cost. As of 20th 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. About 40,000 hospital admissions are authorized under the scheme every day.

Aapke Dwar Ayushman, a door-to-door campaign has been taken to verify and create Ayushman Cards. National Health Authority (NHA) has launched mobile application-based verification process. Aapke Dwar Ayushman 2.0 has been relaunched with special emphasis on saturating the card generation process. About 5-6 lakh beneficiaries are verified every day. A comprehensive media and outreach strategy to spread awareness and empowering the beneficiaries about their

entitlements and rights under the scheme is followed. NHA has co-ordinated with various Central Government ministries implementing welfare schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana to enrich the SECC beneficiary database. Improvement to the beneficiary identification platform has been done. The newly launched BIS 2.0 platform makes it convenient for scheme's beneficiaries to generate Ayushman cards. Under BIS 2.0, village wise access to beneficiary database has been enabled for better mobilization of the scheme's beneficiaries. Support of ASHA workers, frontline workers under Panchayati Raj, Self Help Groups under the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) for beneficiary mobilization and IEC related activities is sought.
