

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No-1372
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2023**

DIGITAL HEALTHCARE PLATFORMS

1372 MS. DOLA SEN:

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

- (a) Whether Government has data with regard to the Digital Healthcare Apps/Websites running in the country currently;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) Whether Government has initiated mechanism to authenticate the validity of such platforms to differentiate the valid ones from the fraudulent/unauthorized ones;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) Whether Government has issued/will issue any guidelines/policy for the running/usage of these Apps; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?.

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(PROF. SATYA PAL SINGH BAGHEL)**

(a) to (f)

Government of India has launched Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) which aims to develop the backbone necessary to support the integrated digital health infrastructure of the country and create longitudinal Electronic Health Record(EHR) for the citizen.

Union Health Ministry has notified Electronic Health Record (EHR) Standards to promote data standards which can facilitate interoperability of healthcare information across various health IT systems.

National Health Authority (NHA) has issued several guidelines and notification to govern the conduct of digital health applications which are integrated with ABDM ecosystem. These include Health Data Management Policy, Data Privacy Policy & ABDM Health Records (PHR) Mobile App Privacy Policy which sets out the minimum standards for data privacy and protection.

NHA has also defined polices and procedures for authenticating digital healthcare applications which are part of ABDM ecosystem. Through a Sandbox environment applications are validated and integrated within ABDM framework for facilitating wider use of digital health application across the country.
