

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 282  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2023**

**COMMERCIALIZATION OF PUBLIC HEALTHCARE SYSTEM**

**282. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that our current health policy which only promoting the commercialization of the public healthcare system and the profitability of business groups by putting people's health at risk, as using healthcare facilities are going too costly;
- (b) if so, Government's response thereto; and
- (c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for using latest/modern scientific discoveries in healthcare sector by making it more cost effective for the commoners to get comprehensive prevention treatment in various parts of the country?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(PROF. S. P. SINGH BAGHEL)**

(a) to (c) : The National Health Policy 2017 envisages to provide universal access to good quality health care services through increasing access, increasing affordability by lowering the cost of healthcare delivery and equity. The goal of the policy is to attain the highest possible level of health and wellbeing for all at all ages through a preventive and promotive health care orientation in all developmental policies and universal access to good quality health care services without anyone having to face financial hardship as a consequence.

As per the National Health Policy, 2017, public investment in health is envisioned to reach 2.5% of GDP by 2025. The budget allocation for DoHFW has increased by 82% from Rs. 47,353 Crore in 2017-18 (BE) to Rs. 86,175 crore in 2023-24 (BE). DoHFW is making efforts to increase allocation in health budget. The 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission has also provided Rs. 70,051 Crore Grants for health through the Local Government. As per National Health Account Estimates, the per capita Government Health expenditure has been increased from Rs. 1108 (2014-15) to Rs. 2014 (2019-20).

The Government has launched four mission mode projects, namely PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), Ayushman Arogya Mandir (erstwhile AB-HWCs), Pradhan

Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) and Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM). Recently Government has launched Ayushman Bhav campaign. The 'Ayushman Bhav' campaign, is a comprehensive nationwide healthcare initiative that aims to provide saturation coverage of healthcare services, reaching every village and town in the country. This groundbreaking initiative builds upon the success of the Ayushman Bharat program and signifies a paradigm shift in healthcare services.

Other notable initiatives are to provide financial and technical support to States/UTs under National Health Mission (NHM), setting up of new AIIMS, upgrading of Government medical colleges under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY), support to States/UTs for setting up of new medical colleges as well as for increasing UG and PG medical seats, provision of free drugs and free diagnostic facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHC)/ Community Health Centres (CHC) and district hospital level, substantial increase in availability of government ambulances etc.

Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) has been announced on 27th September, 2021 with aim to develop the backbone for necessary support for integrated digital health infrastructure of the country. The objective of the mission is to bridge the existing gap amongst different stakeholders of Healthcare ecosystem through digital highways.

Quality generic medicines are made available at affordable prices to all under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) in collaboration with the State Governments. Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT) Pharmacy stores have been set up in some hospitals/institutions.

The Government has launched a “National Tele Mental Health Programme” on 10th October, 2022, to further improve access to quality mental health counselling and care services in the country. NIMHANS, Bengaluru is the National Apex Centre, co-ordinating activities of Tele MANAS across India.

Further, the following industry technologies validated by ICMR have been recommended to National Programmes thereby promoting Make-in-India in the Pharmaceutical sector.

- RightBiotic", a portable easy to use device for screening and diagnosis of Urinary Tract Infections - Xcellence in Bio Innovations (xBITS) Pvt Ltd
- PathoDetect TM MTB RIF & INH drug resistance kits
- PathoDetect TM MTB & NTM Detection Kits - Mylab Discovery Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
- C-TB with QuantiFERONR-TB Gold Plus and 2.T.U Tuberculin PPD RT23 SSI for detection of TB infection in general and key population - Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd.

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