

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 291
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05TH DECEMBER, 2023**

LAPSES IN IMPLEMENTATION OF PMJAY

291. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that significant discrepancies have been found in the registration and validation of beneficiaries under Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (PMJAY);
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure that such lapses are prevented and the benefits reach the targeted beneficiaries;
- (c) whether it is a fact that there has been low enrolment among the groups targeted by the scheme; and
- (d) if so, the reasons thereof and steps taken to rectify them?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) is the largest health protection scheme in the world which provides health cover to 12 crore families. Ayushman cards have been created for 27.68 crore individuals in the country. Ayushman card saturation is one of the key activities under Ayushman Bhava campaign of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Further, Ayushman card creation is one of the spot services under Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra.

Verification of beneficiaries under AB-PMJAY is mandatorily done through Aadhaar based e-KYC. During e-KYC process, details pulled from Aadhaar database are compared with beneficiary details available in the source database, with the request for verification, which is either approved or rejected. Other than Aadhaar of the beneficiary, no other beneficiary details are used for beneficiary verification.

Further, AB-PMJAY is an entitlement-based scheme and not an enrolment-based scheme and therefore, there is already a pre-populated list of beneficiaries under the scheme. The question of new registration or enrolment of the beneficiaries under the scheme does not arise. Thus, beneficiaries already enlisted, are verified and issued Ayushman card under the scheme.
