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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 444 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06TH FEBRUARY, 2024

HEALTH INSURANCE FOR PVTGs IN JHARKHAND AND MAHARASHTRA

444. SMT. MAHUA MAJI:

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

- (a) whether Government has any exclusive health insurance schemes for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), taking into account of the large population of PVGTs from the States of Jharkhand, Maharashtra, etc;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has included the PVTGs in the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY);
- (d) if so, the number of people from PVTGs who have availed AB-PMJAY services from Jharkhand since the inception of the AB-PMJAY scheme; and
- (e) if not, how the new Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN) will be ensuring health insurance benefits for PVTGs?

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

(a) to (e): Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) was launched on 15.11.2023 with Ministry of Tribal Affairs being the Nodal Ministry. Benefits under Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) have been extended to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) families. Accordingly, the creation of Ayushman Cards for PVTG families is one of the key interventions of PM-JANMAN. As on date, a total of 9.54 lakh Ayushman Cards (including 41,019 in the State of Jharkhand and 1.24 lakh in the State of Maharashtra) have been created for PVTG population.

In the State of Jharkhand, as on 01.02.2024, a total of 50 hospital admissions worth Rs. 6.1 lakh have been authorized under the scheme for individuals belonging to PVTG families.
