

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1729
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2024**

STATUS OF RAN SCHEME IMPLEMENTED IN PUDUCHERRY

1729. SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY:

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

- (a) whether Government of Puducherry is implementing Rasthriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN) in full spirit, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the beneficiaries under RAN during the last three years in Puducherry;
- (c) the number of patients who have availed the scheme under Health Minister's Cancer fund so far in Puducherry; and
- (d) whether financial assistance to poor people who have suffered rare diseases is implemented in Puducherry, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (c) The Umbrella Scheme of Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN) is a Central Sector Scheme which provides one-time financial assistance to poor patients living below State/UT-wise threshold poverty line and suffering from life-threatening diseases relating to heart, kidney, liver, cancer, etc. for treatment at Government hospitals/institutes with Super Specialty facilities.

Financial assistance for eligible patients is released to the treating hospitals/institutes. There is no State/UT-wise allocation of funds under the Umbrella Scheme of RAN. Therefore, State/UT-wise data is not maintained centrally. As per records maintained in the Ministry, there have not been any patients from Puducherry (identified on the basis of residence) who have availed financial assistance under the Umbrella Scheme of RAN (including the Health Minister's Cancer Patient Fund component), in the last three years.

(d) The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, launched the National Policy for Rare Diseases (NPRD) in March 2021. Under the provisions of NPRD, 2021, financial assistance of up to Rs. 50 lakh is extended to patients diagnosed with rare diseases, as defined in the policy. This support is available for treatment at any of the 12 designated Centres of Excellence (CoEs) established under the policy. Patients from all States/UTs, including Puducherry, are eligible to seek treatment at these CoEs.
