

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2507
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2024**

CURRENT STATUS OF ABDM

2507. SHRI SHAKTISINH GOHIL:

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

- (a) the current status of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM);
- (b) whether the ABDM has not gained popularity and whether Government and private hospitals hesitate to update medical records digitally;
- (c) whether it is not mandatory for Government hospitals and bodies to maintain digital medical records; and
- (d) whether Government plans to make digital record-keeping mandatory to improve the health ecosystem, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) has been launched with an aim to create an online platform enabling interoperability of health data within the health ecosystem to create longitudinal electronic health record of every citizen. The mission aims to develop the backbone necessary to support the integrated digital health infrastructure of the country.

ABDM comprises key registries which intended through building registries such as Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA), healthcare professional registry (HPR), health facility registry (HFR), and drug registry.

ABDM intends to make healthcare more transparent, secure, inclusive, accessible, timely delivery, and most importantly citizen centric.

As on 10th December 2024, a total of **71,16,45,172** (~71.16 Cr) ABHA have been created, **3,54,130** (~3.54 Lac) health facilities have been registered on HFR, **5,37,980** (~5.37 Lac) healthcare professionals have been registered on HPR and **45,99,97,067** (~45.99 Cr) health records have been linked with ABHA.

ABDM is voluntary in nature. Multiple awareness campaigns and efforts are underway to raise awareness about the benefits of ABHA among the public, healthcare providers, and institutions along with capacity building support being extended to hospitals and health systems to integrate ABHA seamlessly into their workflows. As implementing agency,

National Health Authority (NHA) has initiated awareness campaigns in healthcare facilities through publicity materials. ABDM actively promotes awareness and citizen engagement through participation in public events such as trade fairs, marathons, medical conferences, technology events etc. encouraging the creation of ABHA and adoption of digital healthcare. States/UTs also undertake targeted IEC activities and capacity building to enhance local adoption. So far, significant progress has been observed in the adoption of ABHA with over 70 crore ABHAs created. Integration with government schemes such as PM-JAY, reproductive child health (RCH), TB Nikshay, national programme for prevention and control of cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and stroke (NPCDCS) and initiatives such as QR based services for quick OPD registration and faster payments in hospitals, AIIMS and various government hospitals, have enhanced the adoption of digital health accounts. Private healthcare providers are also increasingly adopting ABHA-integrated solutions.

The government recognizes the importance of digital record-keeping in enhancing the healthcare ecosystem and is strengthening digital healthcare infrastructure, ensuring capacity building, and building the necessary digital health solutions and frameworks through ABDM.
