

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2535  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024**

**STATUS OF ISSUANCE OF HEALTH INSURANCE CARDS UNDER AB-PMJAY FOR  
TRIBAL COMMUNITIES**

**2535.# DR. SUMER SINGH SOLANKI:**

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

(a) the status of issuance of health insurance cards to the tribal communities under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) along with the number of insurance beneficiaries; and

(b) whether more hospitals would be empanelled under the AB-PMJAY in remote areas like Nimar in Madhya Pradesh?

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

(a) and (b): As on 05.12.2024, a total of 1.97 crore and 0.97 crore Ayushman cards have been issued to SC and ST beneficiaries respectively under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY). Further, States/UTs have adopted various beneficiary databases along with SECC database.

A total of 29,929 hospitals are empaneled under the scheme, out of which 13,222 are private hospitals. Further, hospital empanelment is a continuous process and is undertaken based on the requirements and availability of healthcare providers (meeting AB-PMJAY criteria) within a given State/UT. As public health is a State subject, the responsibility of empanelling hospitals under PMJAY lies with the respective State/UT. The Government of India encourages States/UTs to empanel more hospitals under the scheme to ensure access to quality healthcare to all eligible beneficiaries. The details of number of hospitals empanelled in the Nimar region of Madhya Pradesh are as under:

| District  | Public Hospitals | Private Hospitals |
|-----------|------------------|-------------------|
| Barwani   | 8                | 11                |
| Burhanpur | 5                | 8                 |
| Khandwa   | 10               | 5                 |
| Khargone  | 13               | 8                 |

Note: Data as on 11.12.2024

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