

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 901
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03RD DECEMBER, 2024**

EXTENSION OF AB-PMJAY TO SENIOR CITIZENS

901. SHRI ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether Government has launched or proposes to launch health coverage for all the citizens above 70 years under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and time by which it is likely to be launched;
- (c) whether Government is planning/assessing to add more health packages for senior citizens under AB-PMJAY and if so, the time by which it is likely to be done;
- (d) total number of families likely to be benefited by this step;
- (e) total amount of expenditure likely to be incurred in the said process; and
- (f) total number of Government and private hospitals empaneled under the said scheme?

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

(a) and (b): On 29.10.2024, Government of India expanded Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) to provide free treatment benefits of up to ₹5 lakh per year on a family basis to all senior citizens aged 70 years and above, irrespective of their socio-economic status.

(c): In the latest national master of the Health Benefit Package (HBP), the scheme provides cashless healthcare services related to 1961 procedures across 27 medical specialties including General Medicine, General Surgery, Orthopedics, Cardiology, Oncology etc. which can be availed by different age groups. Among these, treatment services like Hemodialysis / Peritoneal

Dialysis, Acute Ischemic Stroke, Accelerated hypertension, Total Hip Replacement, Total Knee Replacement, PTCA, inclusive of diagnostic angiogram, Single Chamber Permanent Pacemaker Implantation, Double Chamber Permanent Pacemaker Implantation, etc. are available to eligible senior citizens as well. Further, States have been provided flexibility to further customize the Health Benefit Packages to local context.

(d): The estimated number of beneficiary families aged 70 years and above is 4.5 crore, which corresponds to the 6 crore individuals under the scheme. As on 25.11.2024, approximately 14 lakh Ayushman Vay Vandana cards have been created for senior citizen beneficiaries aged 70 years and above under the scheme.

(e) and (f): Expenditure of an amount of Rs. 3,437 crore is estimated, out of which Rs. 2,165 crore is the central share expenditure which is likely to be incurred during Financial Year 2024-25 and 2025-26, for the said scheme. As on 31.10.2024, a total of 29,870 hospitals are empanelled out of which 13,173 are private hospitals.
