

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1572
ANSWERED ON-12/03/2025

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES OF THE NIRAMAYA SCHEME

1572 Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan:

Will the MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any data on the number of beneficiaries of the Niramaya scheme and the allocation of budget for it;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has carried out any survey to check the impact of the withdrawal of the Swavlamban Health Insurance Scheme for Persons with Disabilities on the lives of Persons with Disabilities (PwD); and
- (d) the reasons for selecting different criteria for eligibility for persons with disabilities under the Swavlamban Health Insurance Scheme for Persons with Disabilities and the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir, there are 52559 beneficiaries enrolled in Niramaya Scheme in the year 2024-25 and an amount of Rs.15 cr. has been allocated for the Scheme.

(c) & (d). The Swavlamban Health Insurance Scheme was initially implemented on a pilot basis under the erstwhile Trust Fund for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities in 2015-16. However, the Government discontinued the Swavlamban Health Insurance Scheme and did not revive it as the Government of India launched Ayushman Bharat-National Health Protection Mission, which also covers persons with disabilities. Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana offers broader coverage and its eligibility criteria cover a larger number of persons with disabilities.
