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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 1261
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AWWS/AWHS COVERED UNDER AB-PMJAY

1261 SHRI ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether coverage of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPMJAY) has been expanded to include Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) to improve their access to healthcare services across the country;
- (b) if so, the number of beneficiaries covered and benefitted thereunder alongwith timeline for its implementation in Maharashtra, district-wise;
- (c) whether Mission Saksham Anganwadi is playing a role in establishing well-equipped and modernized anganwadi centres for delivering Integrated Child Development Services (ICSDS) such as nutrition, early education and healthcare across the country; and
- (d) if so, details thereof including progress made under the Mission and specific challenges, if any, being faced and addressed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a) & (b) During the interim budget Financial Year (FY) 2024-25, healthcare annual coverage of Rs. 5 Lakhs under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) extended to all eligible Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs). The scheme provides health cover of Rs.5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization. The scheme is implemented through a 3 tier structure with National Health Authority (NHA) at the apex, State Health Agencies (SHA) at the State and District Implementation Units (DIUs) at the district level. AB-PMJAY is an entitlement based scheme.

As informed by National Health Authority (NHA), as of 5th December 2025, approximately 2.34 lakh Ayushman cards were issued under the AWW and AWH categories in the State of Maharashtra. The district wise details of the number of Ayushman Cards created under AWW and AWH category can be assessed from the website: <https://dashboard.nha.gov.in/public/card>. Further, as on 5th December 2025, a total 4,873 hospital admissions were authorized under the AWW and AWH category in the State of Maharashtra. The district-wise details are placed at **Annexure**.

(c) & (d) In the 15th Finance Commission, components of nutritional support for children below the age of 6 years, pregnant women and lactating mothers and Adolescent Girls, Early Childhood Care and Education and Anganwadi infrastructure including modern, upgraded Saksham Anganwadi have been reorganised under the umbrella Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan

2.0 for effective implementation and for better nutritional delivery to end beneficiaries. The package of following six services is provided under Mission Poshan 2.0 through the network of over 14 Lakh Anganwadi centres (AWCs) across the country:

- i. Supplementary Nutrition (SNP),
- ii. Pre-school Non-formal Education,
- iii. Nutrition & Health Education,
- iv. Immunization,
- v. Health Check-up,
- vi. Referral Services

Three of the six services, viz., Immunization, Health Check-up and Referral Services are related to health and are provided through NHM & Public Health Infrastructure.

In order to improve the infrastructure facility of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) various steps have been undertaken by the Ministry that, inter alia, include increasing the funding for drinking water facilities and toilets at Anganwadi Centres from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.17,000/- and Rs.12,000/- to Rs.36,000/- respectively.

Under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, there is a provision of construction of 50000 AWCs buildings over a period of five years @10000 AWCs per year in convergence with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) @Rs.12 Lakh per AWC wherein Rs.8.00 Lakh would be provided under MGNREGS, Rs.2.00 Lakh under 15th Finance Commission (FC) (or any other untied funds) and Rs.2.00 Lakh by MWCD per AWC to be shared between Centre and States and UTs in the prescribed cost sharing ratio.

2 lakh Anganwadi Centres @ 40,000 AWCs per year are upgraded as Saksham Anganwadis for improved nutrition delivery and for imparting early childhood care and education. Saksham Anganwadis provided with better infrastructure than the conventional Anganwadi Centres which includes internet/Wi-Fi connectivity, LED screens, water purifier/installation of RO Machine and smart learning equipments.

Under PM JANMAN for the targeted development of 75 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), a total of 2,500 Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) have been sanctioned to 17 States for construction of AWCs.

Under Dharti Abha Janjati Gram Unnat Abhiyan, efforts are being made to improve the socio-economic conditions of tribal communities through saturation-based coverage across about 63,843 tribal-majority and aspirational ST villages. Under DAGJUA, 875 AWCs have been sanctioned for construction.

Vibrant Village Programme (VVP) Phase-I focuses on comprehensive development of villages of northern border across four states Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, and Sikkim and the UT of Ladakh. A total of 101 AWCs has been sanctioned for construction in these border areas.

Under Mission Poshan 2.0, Anganwadi workers (AWWs) have been technologically empowered with the provision of smartphones for efficient monitoring and service delivery. Poshan Tracker which is a mobile application digitizes physical registers used by Anganwadi workers. This improves the quality of their work while simultaneously allowing them real-time monitoring of all activities going on in the Anganwadis.

In addition to AWWs, Smartphones are provided to Supervisors and Block Coordinators also. Similarly, data recharge support is provided to AWWs, Supervisors and Block Coordinators.

Regular monitoring of growth parameters is essential for identifying children who may be malnourished and for making timely interventions. Therefore, Anganwadi centres have been equipped with Growth Monitoring devices like infantometer, stadiometer, weighing scale-infant, weighing scale – Mother & Child.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a) & (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.1261 to be answered on 10.12.2025 regarding “AWWs/AWHs covered under AB-PMJAY” asked by Shri Ashokrao Shankarrao Chavan

District-wise Hospital Admissions for AWWs/AWHs (01 July 2024 – 30 Nov 2025)

District	AWH	AWW
AHILYANAGAR	224	226
AKOLA	42	98
AMRAVATI	66	58
AURANGABAD	69	47
BEED	30	20
BHANDARA	54	24
BULDHANA	56	46
CHANDRAPUR	58	67
DHULE	64	58
GADCHIROLI	19	24
GONDIA	85	30
HINGOLI	5	7
JALGAON	138	79
JALNA	38	25
KOLHAPUR	264	265
LATUR	28	19
MUMBAI & MUMBAI SUBURBAN	35	49
NAGPUR	69	31
NANDED	30	11
NANDURBAR	42	27
NASHIK	147	135
OSMANABAD	35	15
PALGHAR	11	32
PARBHANI	34	4
PUNE	82	108
RAIGAD	99	68
RATNAGIRI	87	123
SANGLI	74	66
SATARA	173	199
SINDHUDURG	74	65
SOLAPUR	131	110
THANE	62	40
WARDHA	55	58
WASHIM	37	49
YAVATMAL	31	32
