

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3639  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026**

**INCLUSION OF CRITICAL ILLNESS UNDER PMJAY**

**3639. # MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI:**

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

- (a) whether critical illnesses such as cancer and cardiovascular diseases are also included under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether treatment under the said scheme is also approved in private hospitals, if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (c): Since the launch of Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) in September 2018, the health benefit packages have been revised five times. Initially, the scheme included 1391 packages, but the latest Health Benefit Package 2022, now comprises 1,961 packages across 27 specialties. These packages cover treatments for chronic diseases such as cancer, heart diseases etc. as well as high-end procedures like aortic valve replacement, mitral valve replacement/repair, breast conserving surgeries, radical vaginectomy, wedge resection of lung etc. Further, all eligible beneficiaries under the scheme can avail treatment through a network of 36,229 empanelled hospitals across the country, including 16,746 private hospitals.

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