

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1068
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH JULY, 2026**

PORTABILITY UNDER AB-PMJAY

1068. SHRI VINOD SHRIDHAR TAWDE:

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

- (a) whether, with the implementation of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) in West Bengal, all States and UTs are now covered under the Scheme and whether Government has assessed its implications for achieving Universal Health Coverage;
- (b) the details of inter-State portability availed under AB-PMJAY since inception, particularly by migrant workers and their families, including beneficiaries from Maharashtra and Bihar;
- (c) whether Government proposes to strengthen portability and digital integration under the scheme; and
- (d) the awareness measures undertaken to inform eligible beneficiaries, migrant workers, about portability provisions?

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

(a): Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna (AB-PMJAY) is now being implemented across 36 States/UTs, including West Bengal. The coverage of AB-PMJAY across all 36 States/UTs marks a significant milestone towards achieving Universal Health Coverage, by expanding the beneficiary base and ensuring wider access to quality secondary and tertiary healthcare services across the country.

Initially, the scheme covered 10.74 crore families identified under the Socio-Economic Caste Census, 2011, constituting the bottom 40% of India's population. In January 2023, the beneficiary base was revised from 10.74 crore to 12 crore families to account for India's decadal population growth. In March 2024, approximately 37 lakh additional families of Accredited Social Health Activists, Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers were included under the scheme. The scheme was further expanded to cover 6 crore senior citizens

of age 70 years and above belonging to 4.5 crore families irrespective of their socio-economic status.

Further, many States have expanded the beneficiary base beyond the centrally targeted beneficiary numbers by converging their state specific schemes with AB-PMJAY. The expansion of the beneficiary base under AB-PMJAY, coupled with the integration of various State health assurance schemes, has significantly enhanced the scheme's outreach among vulnerable populations across the country.

(b) and (c): AB-PMJAY provides a national portability feature, enabling beneficiaries to avail cashless treatment at any empanelled hospital across the country, irrespective of their State/UT. This portability feature enhances access to quality healthcare services, particularly for migrant workers and beneficiaries travelling outside their home State.

As on 30.06.2026, a total of 29.05 lakh inter-state portability hospital admissions, amounting to more than Rs. 8,383.97 crore, have been authorized under AB-PMJAY across the country, including 5.91 lakh hospital admissions amounting to Rs. 1,817.49 crore for Bihar and 45,940 hospital admissions amounting to Rs. 107 crores for Maharashtra.

AB-PMJAY is implemented through a robust end-to-end digital platform that enables empanelled hospitals to identify and verify eligible beneficiaries, irrespective of their home State, and facilitates hospital admissions, claims processing and settlement for portability cases. This integrated digital ecosystem ensures seamless, cashless and paperless access to healthcare services at empanelled hospitals across the country.

(d): To improve beneficiary enrolment and enhance awareness, including on the portability feature, AB-PMJAY has adopted a comprehensive Information, Education & Communication (IEC) and outreach strategy. The strategy includes awareness campaigns through traditional and digital media platforms such as newspapers, community radio, television and radio campaigns, digital displays, street plays, mass messaging, social media, and the dissemination of beneficiary testimonials.

Further, Pradhan Mantri Arogya Mitras deployed at empanelled hospitals play a key role in facilitating portability under AB-PMJAY. They assist beneficiaries, including migrant workers and those seeking treatment outside their home State, with identification and verification, cashless admission, hospital coordination, and support throughout the hospitalization process.
