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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1898
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2026**

IMPLEMENTATION OF SAHI AND BODH INITIATIVES FOR HEALTH AI

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

- (a) Whether Government has launched the Strategy for Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare for India (SAHI) and the Benchmarking Open Data Platform for Health AI (BODH) and if so, the features thereof;
- (b) the institutional mechanisms under SAHI to ensure ethical, transparent, secure and interoperable use of AI in healthcare;
- (c) the manner in which BODH facilitates evaluation and validation of AI models using anonymized real-world datasets; and
- (d) whether Government has prepared a roadmap for wider adoption of AI-enabled healthcare solutions, including capacity building, patient data privacy and algorithmic accountability?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
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(a) to (d): Yes, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) has launched the Strategy for AI in Healthcare in India (SAHI) and the Benchmarking Open Data Platform for Health AI (BODH) on 17th February 2026 during the India AI Impact Summit.

SAHI is a national strategy to enable the safe, ethical, evidence-based, responsible and inclusive adoption of Artificial Intelligence across India's healthcare system. SAHI provides a set of 32 recommendations across five mutually reinforceable pillars namely 'Governance, Regulation & Trust', 'Health Data & Digital Infrastructure', 'Workforce, Institutional Capacity & Change Management', 'Research, Innovation & Evidence Generation' and 'Ecosystem Enablement & Global Leadership'. SAHI promotes the interoperable, privacy preserving and representative use of health data to support trustworthy AI development. The complete SAHI document may be accessed at <https://abdm.gov.in/sahi>

BODH has been developed in partnership with IIT Kanpur and provides a structured mechanism for testing and benchmarking AI solutions before deployment at scale. BODH facilitates evaluation and validation of AI models by providing a secure, federated platform that uses diverse, anonymised real-world health datasets for benchmarking against predefined metrics. BODH enables benchmarking of AI models without them accessing raw patient data, ensuring privacy and data security.
