

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2672
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH AUGUST, 2026**

EXPANSION OF HEALTH PROTECTION THROUGH AB-PMJAY

2672. # SHRI PRADIP KUMAR VARMA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that remarkable progress has been made in providing health protection to eligible families in the country under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY);
- (b) if so, the details of families benefited and beneficiaries who have received treatment under the scheme so far, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has expanded the scope of empanelled hospitals and healthcare services under the scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a): Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) provides health coverage of Rs. 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to 12 crore economically vulnerable families, constituting the bottom 40% of India's population. In March 2024, the scheme was expanded to include approximately 37 lakh families of Accredited Social Health Activists, Anganwadi Workers, and Anganwadi Helpers. The scheme was further expanded in October 2024 to cover 6 crore senior citizens of age 70 years and above belonging to 4.5 crore families irrespective of their socio-economic status. As on 31st July 2026, a total of 44.98 crore Ayushman cards have been created across all States/UTs.

(b): As on 31st July 2026, more than 12.97 crore hospital admissions, amounting to Rs. 1.98 lakh crore, have been authorized under the Scheme, enabling eligible beneficiaries to avail cashless treatment. The State/UT-wise details of authorized hospital admissions under the Scheme are at **Annexure**.

(c) and (d): There has been a substantial expansion in the network of empanelled hospitals under AB-PMJAY to enhance access to cashless secondary and tertiary healthcare services for

eligible beneficiaries. The number of empanelled hospitals has increased from 18,433 hospitals in FY 2018-19, comprising 10,921 public and 7,512 private hospitals, to 38,374 hospitals as on 31st July 2026, comprising 20,355 public and 18,019 private hospitals.

Under the scheme, Health Benefit Packages (HBP) have been progressively expanded to meet the evolving healthcare needs of beneficiaries. The HBP have been expanded from the initial 1,393 to 1,961 procedures across 27 medical specialties under HBP 2022, thereby expanding the range of healthcare services available to eligible beneficiaries.

Annexure

State/UT-wise details of authorized hospital admissions under AB-PMJAY (as on 31.07.2026)

State/UT	No. of hospital admissions authorized (in lakhs)
Andaman And Nicobar Islands	0.049
Andhra Pradesh	109.98
Arunachal Pradesh	0.18
Assam	22.47
Bihar	37.42
Chandigarh	1.11
Chhattisgarh	94.04
Delhi	0.66
Dadra & Nagar Haveli And Daman & Diu	1.76
Goa	0.32
Gujarat	88.93
Haryana	39.07
Himachal Pradesh	5.07
Jammu And Kashmir	21.97
Jharkhand	30.20
Karnataka	156.33
Kerala	82.94
Ladakh	0.39
Lakshadweep	0.02
Madhya Pradesh	83.43
Maharashtra	53.48
Manipur	3.59
Meghalaya	13.65
Mizoram	2.16
Nagaland	1.45
Odisha	20.60

Puducherry	2.04
Punjab	37.58
Rajasthan	94.84
Sikkim	0.52
Tamil Nadu	128.64
Telangana	31.77
Tripura	6.70
Uttar Pradesh	103.89
Uttarakhand	20.62
