

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2346  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**REGISTRATION/RENEWAL OF HEALTH CARDS**

**2346. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to do away with the offline process for registration/renewal of the health cards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) to (c): Under Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY), a smart card is issued to the beneficiaries for availing the benefits of the scheme in offline mode.

In the Budget speech of 2018-19, the Government has announced to launch a flagship National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS) providing coverage upto Rs. 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary hospitalization. Once NHPS is launched, RSBY will be subsumed in it. The contours of the proposed scheme are yet to be finalized.

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