

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2518
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH MARCH, 2018**

NATIONAL HEALTH PROTECTION SCHEME

**2518. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:
SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA:
SHRI V. ELUMALAI:
ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:
SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY:
SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:
SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:
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SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:
SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI VINAYAK BHOURAO RAUT:
KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI B. SRIRAMULU:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to introduce National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS) to 10 crore poor families in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the salient features of the said scheme;
- (c) the time by which this scheme is likely to be introduced in the country; and
- (d) whether the NITI Aayog is anticipating any difficulties in its implementation and if so, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (d): In the Budget Speech of 2018-19, the Government has announced to launch a flagship National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS) to cover over 10 crore poor and vulnerable families (approx. 50 crore beneficiaries) providing coverage upto Rs. 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary hospitalization. The contours of the scheme are yet to be finalized.