

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4822
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd MARCH, 2018**

SMART CARD FOR HEALTH SERVICE

4822. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

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

- (a) whether the Government of Chhattisgarh has implemented Smart Card Scheme through which a provision of 50000 rupees has been made for treatment of all the people belonging to BPL and APL categories;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the names of States which are implementing such scheme at present;
- (c) whether the Union Government also has a proposal to implement such scheme through which the people can get their treatment in the private hospitals also and can guarantee better healthcare; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

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

(a) & (b): Government of Chhattisgarh is implementing Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, along with its State scheme i.e. Mukhyamantri Swasthya Bima Yojana (MSBY). Under RSBY, families of BPL and 11 other defined categories of unorganised workers are covered. Families excluded under RSBY are covered under MSBY. Beneficiaries enrolled MSBY are entitled for health insurance coverage of Rs. 50,000/-. For RSBY beneficiaries, additional coverage of Rs. 20,000/- is provided under MSBY.

24 States/UTs, namely Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Maharashtra, Goa, Kerala, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Chhattisgarh, Dadar & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Rajasthan, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Puducherry, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Assam are implementing their own schemes. Most of these schemes provide insurance coverage for tertiary care ranging from Rs. 30000 to Rs. 3 lakh.

(c) & (d): In the Budget 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. Once NHPS is launched, RSBY will be subsumed in it. The proposed NHPS will be a pan India scheme and all States/UTs have option to join the scheme.