

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.241
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28TH DECEMBER, 2018
RASHTRIYA SWASTHYA BIMA YOJANA**

***241. SHRI KIRTI AZAD: DR.
BHARATIBEN D. SHYAL:**

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

(a) whether the Government has done any assessment of performance/efficacy of the erstwhile Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) run under the Ministry of Labour and Employment and if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the reasons for phasing out the said Scheme;

(b) whether evidence from RSBY shows that it distorted health providers' behaviour and increased transaction costs and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to strengthen public health services so that dependency on private hospitals is reduced and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of AYUSH practitioners who have taken bridge courses for their deployment at various health and wellness centres for screening of NCDs and implementation of other allopathic programmes?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) & (b) The Government has not done any assessment of performance efficacy or effect on health providers behaviour of the erstwhile Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) run under the Ministry of Labour and Employment.

With the launch of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) on 23.09.2018, RSBY now stands subsumed in it in the states where PMJAY is being implemented.

Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) provided health insurance cover of up to Rupees 30,000/- per family per annum on family floater basis (maximum 5 members per family) to the families of Below Poverty Line (BPL) and 11 other categories of Unorganized Workers. On the other hand, PMJAY provides benefit coverage of up to Rs. 5 lakh per annum per family to around 10.74 crore identified poor and vulnerable families to meet costs of hospitalisation. This is an entitlement-based scheme and the families are identified based on deprivation and occupational criteria as per Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC) data. All existing beneficiaries of RSBY have also been covered under PMJAY.

(c) 'Public Health & Hospitals' being a State Subject, the primary responsibility of strengthening of their health care services is that of respective State/UT governments. However, under the National Health Mission, the Central Government provides financial and technical support to the State/UTs to strengthen their public healthcare system so as to provide accessible, affordable and quality healthcare, especially to the poor and vulnerable sections of the population in both urban and rural areas. This support under NHM includes support to provide a host of free services for maternal health,

child health, adolescent health, family planning, universal immunisation programme, and for major diseases such as Tuberculosis, Leprosy, vector borne diseases such as Malaria, Dengue and Kala Azar, etc. Other major initiatives for which states are being supported include Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK), Rashtriya Bal SwasthyaKaryakram (RBSK), Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK), implementation of NHM Free Drugs and Free Diagnostics Service Initiatives, PM National Dialysis Programme and implementation of National Quality Assurance Framework. States are also supported to strengthen the public health facilities to meet the Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS)

As part of Ayushman Bharat, the Government is supporting States for strengthening Sub Centres and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) as Health and Wellness Centres for provision of comprehensive primary care that includes prevention and health promotion at the community level with continuum of care approach.

Under PMJAY, all Public Hospitals (Community Health Centre and above) are deemed empanelled under PMJAY. Private Health Care Providers are empanelled under PMJAY as per defined criteria and guidelines.

(d) As on 26.12.2018, 1555 Ayurveda Practitioners (AYUSH Practitioners) have been enrolled in the Certificate Programme in Community Health (Bridge Course) for deployment in Health and Wellness Centres.
