

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1647
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH DECEMBER, 2022**

HEALTHCARE COVERAGE FOR TRANSGENDER

1647. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has initiated/proposes to initiate healthcare services for the transgender persons/community under the Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry has signed any MoU with Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment regarding provision of any health coverage to the transgender persons/community and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether only two per cent of more than five lakh transgender in the country have been issued certificate of transgender; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the manner in which the Government proposes to cover more than five lakh transgender persons/community under the ABPM-JAY?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (e): National Health Authority (NHA) has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJ&E) to extend the benefits of Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) to the transgender community. Any member of the transgender community registered on the National Portal for Transgender Persons, managed by MoSJ&E, is entitled to avail healthcare benefits in any of the AB-PMJAY empanelled hospital under Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise (SMILE) framework launched by MoSJ&E. Apart from Health Benefit Packages defined for AB-PMJAY, these beneficiaries are entitled for additional fifty Health Benefit Packages related to Sex Reassignment Surgery (SRS).
