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

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.559 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2022

### RASHTRIYA AROGYA NIDHI

#### 559. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH:

SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV:

**SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:** 

SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY:

## Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of beneficiaries under the Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN) during each of the last three years and current year, State/UT-wise including Bihar and Jharkhand;
- (b) the number of cases referred for approval along with those approved during 2021-22, State/UT-wise and district-wise in Jharkhand;
- (c) the categories of diseases/treatments for which funds are being provided under the RAN and names of hospitals empanelled thereunder;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to include more diseases/treatments under the RAN, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether financial assistance provided to hospitals/medical institutes is sufficient to meet the entire expenditure on the treatment of BPL persons, if so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective steps taken/being taken in this regard;
- (f) the details of the funds allocated and utilized under the Scheme during 2021-22, State/UT-wise;
- (g) whether the Government proposes to include more hospitals for revolving funds under the Scheme, if so, the details thereof; and
- (h) whether BPL families not holding Ayushman Cards face difficulties during treatment of serious ailments, if so, corrective steps taken in this regard?

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

(a) to (h) The financial assistance for eligible patients under the umbrella scheme of Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN) is released to treating hospitals. There is no State/UT-wise/District-wise allocation of funds under RAN scheme. Therefore, State-wise/District-wise data is not

maintained. However, the number of beneficiaries benefitted under the RAN during each of the last three years and current year is as under:

Year	No. of beneficiaries
2019-20	1159
2020-21	419
2021-22	149
2022-23	123
(As on 06.12.2022)	

Note: Powers were delegated to the hospitals with revolving fund for providing treatment up to Rs.5.00 lakh/case under the scheme. The data of such beneficiaries are not maintained centrally.

The category of diseases/treatments for which funds are provided under the RAN is indicated in the Annexure-II of RAN guidelines dated 01.02.2019. The Guidelines are available at <a href="https://main.mohfw.gov.in/Major-Programmes/poor-patients-financial-assistance/rashtriya-arogya-nidhi">https://main.mohfw.gov.in/Major-Programmes/poor-patients-financial-assistance/rashtriya-arogya-nidhi</a>. All Government hospitals/institutes having super specialty facilities are eligible for financial assistance under RAN.

There is a technical committee which advises the Government in enlisting of diseases covered under Umbrella Scheme of RAN. Further, as per guidelines, any life-saving procedure/any other major illness/treatment/intervention not covered under any of the components of Umbrella Scheme of RAN and recommended by the Technical Committee could be considered for financial assistance.

Under the Umbrella Scheme of RAN, financial assistance upto Rs.15.00 lakh is provided for treatment of poor patients suffering from identified life threatening diseases and taking treatment in Government hospitals.

There is no State/UT-wise/District-wise allocation of funds under RAN scheme. Therefore, State-wise/District-wise data is not maintained. However, the funds allocated and utilized under the umbrella Scheme of RAN during 2021-22 is as under:

(Rupees in crore)

Scheme	F. Y. 2021-22	
Component	Funds allocated	Released
Health Minister's Cancer Patient Fund (HMCPF)	40.00	6.83
RAN	40.00	12.87
Rare Disease	25.00	3.15

The Government has no plan to include more hospitals for revolving funds under the Scheme.

The patients who are not covered for benefits under Ayushman Bharat -Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) can be considered for financial assistance under RAN.

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