

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2938  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>TH</sup>MARCH, 2023**

**AMALGAMATION OF STATE HEALTH CARDS**

**2938. SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to amalgamate all State Health Cards with PM-JAY in the country to bring them under one umbrella scheme to access multi States facilities and credit beneficiary;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of various health cards/schemes implemented in the country;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to make State Health Cards acceptable in all States and hospitals across the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (e): Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan ArogyaYojana (AB-PMJAY) is implemented in 33 States/UTs. The scheme is implemented in convergence with over 20 State specific schemes. Co-branded Ayushman Card is issued to the eligible beneficiaries supported by Centre and State in all the 33 States/UTs.

AB-PMJAY is the world's largest health protection scheme which provides health coverage of Rs. 5 lakh per beneficiary family per annum to over 60 crore beneficiaries identified on the basis of select deprivation, and occupational criteria, in rural and urban areas respectively, as per SECC database of 2011. The scheme is designed to provide financial risk protection against catastrophic health expenditure and is implemented in insurance or trust or mixed mode as decided by State/UT. As of 09<sup>th</sup> March 2023, a total of 23.19 crore Ayushman cards have been created against the verified beneficiaries and over 4.44 crore hospital admissions worth Rs. 53,350.20 crore have been authorized through a network of 25,969 empaneled healthcare providers including 11,700 private hospitals.

Under Ayushman Bharat –Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs), comprehensive need-based healthcare services covering maternal and child health services and non-communicable diseases, including free essential drugs and diagnostic services are provided free of cost to all citizens of the country.

AB-PMJAY offers a unique feature of portability to its beneficiaries which allows eligible beneficiaries to avail healthcare services (as per defined packages) in any empaneled hospital across the country.

In such States/UTs where AB-PMJAY is not implemented, National Health Authority has directly empaneled hospitals so that the beneficiaries under the scheme can avail healthcare facilities even in those States. Further, beneficiaries of State schemes which have been converged with AB-PMJAY, are also eligible to avail healthcare services in any empaneled hospital across the country under the portability feature of the scheme.

As of 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023, approximately 5.99 lakh hospital admissions worth Rs. 1393 crore have been authorized under the portability feature.

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