

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2636  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2023**

**UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE BY 2025**

**2636: MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Union Health Budget is 0.35 percent of GDP in 2023-24 as compared to 0.42 percent in 2022-23 and 0.56 percent in 2021-22 and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide affordable Universal Health Coverage by 2025; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(PROF. S. P. SINGH BAGHEL)**

(a) : The details of Budget Allocation 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Department of Health & Family Welfare (DoHFW) & Department of Health Research (DoHR)) and Ministry of AYUSH (MoAYUSH) are as below:

<b>Departments/Ministries</b>	<b>Budget Estimates- 2021-22 (Rs. in crore)</b>	<b>Budget Estimates- 2022-23 (Rs. in crore)</b>	<b>Budget Estimates- 2023-24 (Rs. in crore)</b>
DoHFW	71268.77	83000.00	86175.00
DoHR	2663.00	3200.65	2980.00
MoAYUSH	2970.30	3050.00	3647.50

(b) to (c): The National Health Policy 2017 envisages to provide universal access to good quality health care services through increasing access, increasing affordability by lowering the cost of healthcare delivery and equity. The goal of the policy is to attain the highest possible level of health and wellbeing for all at all ages through a preventive and promotive health care orientation in all developmental policies and universal access to good quality health care services without anyone having to face financial hardship as a consequence. The Policy is centered on the key principles of Equity, Affordability, Universality, Patient Centered & Quality of care, accountability, Inclusive partnerships, Pluralism and Decentralization.

The Government has launched four mission mode projects, namely PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), Ayushman Bharat Health & Wellness Centres (ABHWCs), Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) and Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM).

Other notable initiatives are National Health Mission (NHM), setting up of new AIIMS, upgrading of Government medical colleges under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY), support to States/UTs for setting up of new medical colleges as well as for increasing UG and PG medical seats, provision of free drugs and free diagnostic facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHC)/ Community Health Centres (CHC) and district hospital level, substantial increase in availability of government ambulances etc.

Under NHM, many important steps have been taken towards universal health coverage by supporting the State Government in providing accessible & affordable healthcare to people. Financial and technical support are provided to States/UTs to provide accessible, affordable and quality healthcare, especially to the poor and vulnerable sections of the population, in both urban and rural areas. The NHM provides support for improvement in health infrastructure, availability of adequate human resources etc to improve availability and accessibility to quality health care especially for the underserved and marginalized groups in rural areas. Major initiatives for which States are supported include Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK), Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK), PM National Dialysis Programme and implementation of National Quality Assurance Framework.

PM-ABHIM has been launched as a mission to develop the capacities of primary, secondary and tertiary health care systems, strengthen existing national institutions and create new institutions to cater to detection and cure of new and emerging diseases. PM-ABHIM has an outlay of Rs 64,180 crore.

Under Ayushman Bharat Health & Wellness Centres (HWCs), Comprehensive Primary Healthcare by strengthening Sub Health Centres (SHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) are facilitated. The HWCs provide Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC) that includes preventive, promotive, curative, palliative and rehabilitative services which are universal, free, and closer to the community.

Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri - Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) is the largest publicly funded health assurance scheme in the world which aims to provide health cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to 12 crore families. Further, many States/UTs implementing AB PM-JAY have expanded the beneficiary base under the scheme to approximately 15.5 crore families, at their own cost.

Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) has been launched with aim to develop the backbone necessary to support the integrated digital health infrastructure of the country.

The quality generic medicines are made available at affordable prices to all under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) in collaboration with the State Governments. Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT) Pharmacy stores have been set up in some hospitals/institutions.

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