

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.426
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2023**

RASHTRIYA AROGYA NIDHI

426. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

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

(a) whether the patients of fatal diseases are not able to avail the benefits due to various issues in 'Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi' and 'Ayushman Bharat' and if so, the details thereof along with necessary steps taken in this regard;

(b) whether the beneficiaries of 'Ayushman Bharat Yojana' cannot avail any assistance under 'Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi' and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that maximum cover under 'Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi' is Rs.5 lakh, whereas the treatment of fatal diseases such as blood cancer, bone marrow, kidney diseases costs more than Rs.12 lakh in AIIMS, New Delhi, thereby depriving 'Ayushman Bharat Yojana' beneficiary and BPL patients of such treatment facilities and if so, the details thereof along with necessary steps taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Government proposes to change the allocation of funds for both of the said Schemes to provide assistance/treatment to the beneficiaries and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) 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) The Umbrella Scheme of Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN) is a Central Sector scheme which provides one-time financial assistance to poor patients living below State/UT wise threshold poverty line and suffering from life threatening diseases relating to heart, kidney, liver, cancer, etc. for treatment at any of Super Specialty Government hospitals/institutes. The Umbrella Scheme of RAN has three components as under:

- i. Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN) - Financial assistance for treatment of life-threatening diseases relating to heart, kidney, liver, etc. at Government hospitals/institutes having Super Specialty facilities; (*Maximum financial assistance*

is Rs. 15 lakhs)

- ii. Health Minister's Cancer Patient Fund (HMCPF) - Financial assistance for treatment of cancer at Regional Cancer Centres (RCCs)/ Tertiary Care Cancer Centres (TCCCs) and State Cancer Institutes (SCIs); (*Maximum financial assistance is Rs. 15 lakhs*)
- iii. Financial assistance for poor patients suffering from rare diseases - for specified rare diseases for treatment at Government hospitals/institutes having Super Specialty facilities; (*Maximum financial assistance is Rs. 20 lakhs*)

More information on the Umbrella Scheme of Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi can be accessed at <https://main.mohfw.gov.in/Major-Programmes/poor-patients-financial-support>.

Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) provides health cover of Rs. 5 lakh per family per year to poor and vulnerable entitled families for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization across public and private empanelled hospitals in India. More information on AB-PMJAY can be accessed at <https://pmjay.gov.in>.
