

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1026
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08TH DECEMBER, 2023**

NATIONAL HEALTH PROTECTION SCHEME

1026. DR MOHAMMAD JAWED:

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

- (a) the details/update regarding the progress of the National Health Protection Scheme (Ayushman Bharat) and the number of beneficiaries covered thereunder during previous year;
- (b) the details of the measures being taken to ensure the availability of essential medicines and medical supplies, especially in rural and underserved areas; and
- (c) the budget allocated to combat the spread of vector-borne diseases like dengue and malaria along with the outcomes achieved?

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

(a) to (c) : Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri - Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) is the largest publicly funded health assurance scheme in the world which provides health cover of Rs.5 lakhs per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to 12 Crore families. Many States/UTs implementing AB-PMJAY have expanded the beneficiary base to approximately 15.5 crore families at their own cost.

Approximately 27.8 Crore Ayushman Cards have been created so far and 6 crore hospital admissions amounting to Rs.72,257 Crore have been authorized under the scheme through a network of over 27,592 hospitals across the country.

Under National Health Mission quality essential drugs are provided free of cost to all patients visiting public health facilities under the Free Drugs Service Initiative, which brings significant savings to the patients. The initiative includes 105 drugs at SHC level, 171 at PHC level, 300 at CHC level, 314 at SDH level and 377 drugs at district Hospitals.

Budget allocation for six Vector Borne Diseases (VBD) are as follows:

(Rs. In crores)

Programme	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	
	Central Release	Exp	Central Release	Exp	Central Release	Exp
National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDP)	337.87	312.85	515.63	692.27	370.23	592.23

Note: Allocation under NHM pools have been merged from the Financial Year 2022-23 and therefore, disease-wise release and expenditure is not indicated for FY 2022-23 and 2023-24.

Out of the 06 VBDs, India has achieved 79.09% and 57.22% reduction in malaria cases and deaths respectively in 2022 as compared to 2017. The Case Fatality Rate (death per 100 cases)for Dengue is sustaining at 0.1% at National level.
