

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1082  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020**

**COVERAGE UNDER AYUSHMAN BHARAT YOJNA**

**1082. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to extend the coverage under Ayushman Bharat Yojana for the purpose of including diseases like Thalassemia and alike which are out of its ambit, though prevalent in many areas and are affecting large number of people in the country; and
- (b) whether the Government also proposes to cover many such pathological tests in Ayushman Bharat Yojana which are presently not covered under it due to which the patients have to spend a lot of money on these?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) Under Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), a total of 1592 Health Benefit Procedures have been defined which also include 'Whole blood transfusion' and 'Blood component including platelet transfusion' that are essential towards the management of cases with diseases such as Thalassemia and related conditions.

(b) Health Benefit Packages under AB-PMJAY includes all the expenses incurred for the following components of treatment including investigations :

- Medical examination, treatment, and consultation
- Pre-hospitalization
- Medicine and medical consumables
- Non-intensive and intensive care services
- Diagnostic and laboratory investigations
- Medical implant services (where necessary)
- Accommodation benefits
- Food services
- Complications arising during treatment
- Post-hospitalization follow-up care up to 15 days

At present, no proposal is pending before the Government to modify the existing Health Benefit Packages.