

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2143
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2020**

PMJAY IN HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTRES

2143. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

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

- (a) whether Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) provide free healthcare facilities under PMJAY;
- (b) if not, whether the Government is planning to bring all HWCs under its ambit;
- (c) whether HWCs provide screening and management of non-communicable diseases, mental ailments, ophthalmic and dental healthcare; if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether HWCs are employed in task of undertaking COVID tests; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) Under Ayushman Bharat – Health & Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs), 1.5 lakh Sub Health Centres and Primary Health Centres are to be transformed into Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) across the country for provision of Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC) that includes preventive healthcare and health promotion at the community level with continuum of care approach by December, 2022.
The AB-HWCs are not under the PMJAY. There is no such proposal.
Services at these AB-HWCs are free and universal to all individuals residing in the service area.
- (c) Under Ayushman Bharat – Health & Wellness Centres (AB-HWC), Comprehensive Primary Healthcare is being provided to include promotive, preventive, curative, palliative and rehabilitative services. Services like Population based enumeration of persons above 30 years of age and screening of individuals prioritizing high risk cases for Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs) – Hypertension, Diabetes and three common cancers (oral, cervix and breast) along with communicable diseases like TB and leprosy has been initiated at these AB-HWCs. Operational Guidelines for screening of the five NCD conditions have been issued and shared with the States.
- (d) & (e) AB-HWCs are not employed in the task of undertaking COVID tests.