

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 957
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18th SEPTEMBER, 2020**

AYUSHMAN HEALTH CARDS

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

- (a) whether the Government has distributed Ayushman Health Cards/e-Cards to all BPL/eligible families, if so, the details thereof, State/UT wise, particularly in Bihar;
- (b) whether it is a fact that large number of eligible beneficiaries have been left out of the coverage of the scheme in many States/UTs including Puducherry, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the time by which all the eligible beneficiaries are likely to be covered under the Scheme;
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that genuine beneficiaries get benefits of the Yojana;
- (e) the number of beneficiaries who have availed benefits under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana, State/UTwise and the criteria fixed for inclusion of new beneficiaries under the Scheme; and
- (f) the number of Private and Government hospitals engaged under the Yojana in Haryana and Delhi ?

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

(a) to (c): Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) covers deprived families in rural areas and families of workers of identified occupational categories in urban areas, as per the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) -2011 data. Further, all such beneficiary families under erstwhile Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana that do not figure in the targeted groups as per SECC data are also covered under AB-PMJAY.

AB-PMJAY is an entitlement-based scheme and all the entitled families are covered from the day one of the implementation of the scheme in the State/UT. No registration or enrolment of beneficiaries is required for availing the benefits under the scheme.

(c): However, to facilitate easy availing of benefits, after verification of beneficiary, e-cards have been issued. As of 14.09.2020, over 12.55 crore beneficiaries have been verified under the scheme.

In Bihar, as of 14.09.2020 53.9 Lakhs beneficiaries have been verified. The States/UT wise details of e-cards issued to the beneficiaries are at Annexure.

(d): To ensure that no eligible beneficiary is deprived of the scheme benefits, the State Health Agencies (SHAs) have been directed to conduct the beneficiary identification in mission mode. SHAs have also been advised to screen all the in-patients in the empaneled hospitals in order to identify the scheme beneficiaries.

Further, a comprehensive media and outreach strategy to spread awareness and empowering the beneficiaries about their entitlements and rights under the scheme has been followed. This includes use of media vehicles such as outdoor media, digital display at ticket counters across various railway stations, announcements at major bus stations, passenger train branding, national and regional press coverage, op-eds and advertorials in print media, radio campaign, telecast of beneficiary testimonials via Doordarshan, mass messaging through SMS, traditional media etc.

To establish/validate the identity of the beneficiary prior to taking treatment, an identification system is put up in place. Upon successful validation of identity of the beneficiary, a paper-based e-card is provided with unique ID for streamlining the delivery of services.

(e): As of 14.09.2020, over 1.23 Crore hospital admissions have been authorized under the scheme. The State/UT-wise details are at the Annexure.

At present, there is no provision to include new beneficiary families under the scheme. However, missed-out family member(s) can be added to the existing beneficiary families.

(f): As of 14.09.2020, 545 hospitals, including 374 hospitals of private sector, are empaneled in Haryana.

AB-PMJAY is presently not being implemented in NCT of Delhi. However, since there is portability of benefits across the country, 66 hospitals, including 35 private hospitals, are empaneled in Delhi for providing services to beneficiaries from other States.

State/UT wise details of e-cards issued to beneficiaries under AB PMJAY (as of 14.09.2020)		
State/UT	e-Cards Issued (in Lakhs) *	Authorized Hospitalizations (in Lakhs)
Andaman And Nicobar Islands	0.15	0.002
Andhra Pradesh*	-	8.88
Arunachal Pradesh	0.02	0.018
Assam	122.78	1.496
Bihar	53.9	2.068
Chandigarh	0.51	0.059
Chhattisgarh	30.06	10.674
Dadra & Nagar Haveli Daman & Diu	4.02	0.53
Goa	0.22	0.101
Gujarat	72.85	19.056
Haryana	22.5	1.646
Himachal Pradesh	8.47	0.707
Jammu and Kashmir UT	11.08	0.891
Ladakh UT	0.32	0.008
Jharkhand	87.99	6.267
Karnataka	97.83	9.143
Kerala	64.51	13.573
Lakshadweep	0.02	0
Madhya Pradesh	145.7	4.473
Maharashtra	68.99	3.339
Manipur	2.45	0.213
Meghalaya	15.73	1.761
Mizoram	3.52	0.439
Nagaland	2.43	0.149
Puducherry	1.23	0.031
Punjab	44.24	3.933
Rajasthan*	-	9.846
Sikkim	0.32	0.021
Tamil Nadu	247.27	16.912
Tripura	11.45	0.718
Uttar Pradesh	96.16	4.51
Uttarakhand	38.91	2.126
Total Count	1,255.62	123.591

* The above information relates to e-cards issued over PMJAY IT platform as well as cards issued by States/UTs implementing PMJAY in alliance with the State schemes.