

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1989
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH FEBRUARY, 2021**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO BPL FAMILIES

**1989. SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
SHRI NISITH PRAMANIK:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:**

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

- (a) whether the Government provides financial assistance under the provisions of Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi and other components like Health Ministers, Discretionary Grant, Cancer Fund etc. to patients belonging to families living Below Poverty Line (BPL) for medical treatment;
- (b) if so, details of schemes programmes along with beneficiaries thereunder during the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the procedures to get assistance under these Funds are cumbersome and time consuming;
- (d) if so, whether there is urgent need to make these schemes more transparent and accessible to patients through online portal; and
- (e) if so, the necessary steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
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(a) to (b) Yes, The Government is implementing Umbrella Scheme of Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi to provide financial assistance to patients belonging to families living below State/UT-wise threshold poverty line. Financial assistance upto Rs.15 lakh is provided for eligible patients and released in the form of 'one-time grant' to the Medical Superintendent of the Government hospital where the treatment is being received.

The scheme has following three components:

- (i) **Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi**– to provide financial assistance to poor patients living below threshold poverty line and suffering from life threatening diseases relating to heart, kidney, liver, etc for their treatment at Government hospitals/institutes having super specialty facilities.
- (ii) **Health Minister's Cancer Patient Fund** – to provide financial assistance to poor patients living below threshold poverty line and suffering from cancer, for their treatment at Regional Cancer Centres (RCCs)/Tertiary Care Cancer Centres (TCCC) and State Cancer Institutes (SCI).
- (iii) **Financial assistance Scheme for poor patients suffering from rare diseases** – to provide financial assistance to poor patients living below threshold poverty line and suffering from specified rare diseases for their treatment at Government hospitals/institutes having super specialty facilities.

General criteria governing the Umbrella Scheme of Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi is at **Annexure-I**. Financial assistance for eligible patients is released to treating hospitals. There is no State/UT-wise allocation of funds under RAN scheme. Hospital-wise amount of assistance provided and number of patients benefitted under the Scheme during the last three years is at **Annexure-II**.

Under the Health Minister's Discretionary Grant (HMDG), a maximum amount of Rs.1,25,000/- is provided to patients whose annual income does not exceed Rs.1,25,000/-, to defray a part of the expenditure on hospitalization/treatment in Government Hospitals. . Hospital-wise amount of assistance provided and number of patients benefitted under the Scheme during the last three years is at **Annexure-III**.

(c) to (e): The procedures to get financial assistance under RAN and HMDG schemes have been simplified and benefits under these schemes are accessible and provided timely to patients.

General conditions governing the Umbrella Scheme of RAN

1. Financial assistance will be provided to poor patients belonging to families living below State/UT-wise threshold poverty line prescribed from time to time.
2. Patients will be provided financial assistance for their treatment at Government hospitals having super specialty facilities. Those having treatment in private hospitals will not be eligible for financial assistance under the scheme.
3. The financial assistance to eligible patients will be in the form of 'one-time grant'.
4. Government servants and their families will not be eligible under this scheme.
5. There will be no reimbursement of expenditure already incurred.
6. If as per the medical advice, the suggested treatment is not covered under any of the approved listed packages of AB-PMJAY, financial assistance upto Rs. 15 lakh can be provided to AB-PMJAY beneficiaries, out of Umbrella scheme of RAN. In such a situation beneficiary will get certified from the respective Government hospital that the condition is not covered under AB-PMJAY.
7. Maximum financial assistance admissible under the Scheme will be Rs. 15 lakh.
8. Financial assistance received under Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) or from any other source by the patient for treatment, shall be deducted from the admissible amount of financial assistance under the Umbrella Scheme of RAN.
9. Common application form has been prescribed for submission of request for financial assistance under any of the component of the Umbrella Scheme of RAN. The application shall be signed by the treating doctor/Head of the Department and countersigned by the Medical Superintendent of the hospital concerned.
10. Application for financial assistance shall be submitted along with:
 - (i) Annual family Income certificate (in original), duly certified by the concerned Revenue Authority.
 - (ii) A copy of the ration card along with details of all the family members, issued by the Food and Civil Supplies Department of the State/UT Government.

Annexure-II**Table I**

Details of Funds Released to Hospitals and patients benefitted under RashtriyaArogyaNidhi (RAN)							
S o.	Name of Hospital	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
		Amount (Rs. In Lakhs	No. of Patients	Amount Rs. In Lakhs	No.of patients	Amount Rs. In Lakhs	No.of patients
1	AIIMS, Delhi	3237.41	1200	2510.88	518	2909.92	416
2	AIIMS,Bhubaneshwar	2.5	1	1.5	1	10.53	2
3	RMLH Delhi	55.56	6	15.85	6	4.45	1
4	G B Pant Delhi	11.72	7	2.26	2	5.32	2
5	BHU Varanasi	4	1	2.7	2	23.75	11
6	GSMHS, Jammu	3.6	2	--	--	-	-
7	ILBS, Delhi	113.29	15	97.57	13	422.50	43
8	KGMU, Lucknow	--	--	1.4	1	-	-
9	LNJP, Delhi	21.78	15	12.29	7	3.00	2
10	NEIGRIHMS, Shillong	--	--	5.46	2	-	-
11	PGIMER, Chandigarh	118.32	31	60.3	15	127.44	33
12	RCC, Tvm.	--	--	18	4	-	-
13	GTB, delhi	4.13	1	--	--	-	-
14	Safdarjang, delhi	113.65	75	192.61	69	-	-
15	GMCH, Guwahati	3	1	7.5	3	-	-
16	SGPGIMS,Lucknow	65.52	12	86.55	20	110.75	52
17	SKIMS, Srinagar	194.66	50	173.73	47	127.47	32
18	TMC, Mumbai	34	3	4.44	1	-	-
19	GMC, Jammu	10.47	5	3	1	6.00	1
20	Igmc, Shimla	3.28	2	--	--	-	-
21	IKDRC, Ahmedabad	17	5	3.5	1	16.35	8
22	KEM Mumbai	2.6	1	--	--	-	-
23	SCTIMST, Tvm	82.13	32	137.65	33	186.15	32
24	Cancer Institute IA), Chennai	26	4	5.55	2	-	-

25	Delhi state Cancer t	2	1	--	--	-	-
26	DH, Kozhencherry	3.57	2	1.26	1	-	-
27	BRAM, raipur	1.49	1	--	--	-	-
28	GH, Ernakulam	10.5	3	--	--	-	-
29	GMC, Kottayyam	0.92	1	3	1	-	-
30	GMC, Tvm.	2	1	--	--	-	-
31	HBCH&RC, V.patnam	3.45	2	11.48	2	2.00	1
32	KNMH, Allahabad	10.9	3	7.7	3	-	-
33	LHMC, Delhi	6.15	1	--	--	1.10	1
34	PCTH&RC,Puducherry	64.49	12	146.51	22	-	-
35	PGIMS, Rohtak	7.75	2	--	--	-	-
36	SAT, Tvm.	3	1	--	--	4.15	1
37	SMS, Jaipur	4	1	--	--	-	-
38	SVIMS, Tirupati	49.36	10	38.08	7	157.93	42
39	RMLIMS, Lko	--	--	5	1	-	-
40	JMMC, Aligarh	--	--	1.15	1	-	-
41	RIMS, Ranchi	--	--	10	1	1.00	1
42	JIPMER Puducherry	30	15	--	--	-	-
43	NIMHANS Bengaluru	10	5	--	--	6.00	1
44	AIIMS, Jodhpur	10	6	--	--	-	-
45	Dist. Hospital Kerala	-	-	-	-	1.00	1
46	Dr.RMLH, Lucknow	-	-	-	-	4.50	1
47	GMC, Srinagar	-	-	-	-	6.00	1
48	GMC, Kozhik	-	-	-	-	1.80	1
49	KSCH, UP	-	-	-	-	1.10	1

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Table II

Details of Funds Released to Hospitals and patients benefitted under Health Minister's Cancer Patient Fund (HMCPF)							
S. No.	Name of Hospital	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
		Amount (Rs. In Lakhs)	No.of Patients	Amount (Rs. In Lakhs)	No.of Patients	Amount (Rs. In Lakhs)	No.of Patients
1	Cancer Hos.Tripura, Agartala	50	8	-	-	-	-
2	Cancer Hospital & Research centre, Gwalior, M.Pradesh.	240	1447	118.67	532	11	2
3	Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, Kolkata,	70	762	90	770	-	-
4	Dr.B.B.Cancer Institute, Guwahati, Assam.	65	1116	20	-		
5	AIIMS, New Delhi.	118.15	59	-	-	45.19	206
6	Kamala Nehru Memo.Hospital, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh.	25	3	-	-	11.40	4
7	Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology,Bangalore, Karnataka	40	5	-	-	-	-
8	Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh	-	-	-	-	57.50	10
9	Puducherry Regional Cancer Society, JIPMER, Puducherry	20	12	-	-	-	-
10	Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram Kerala	20	95	65	76	41.00	7
11	Regional Cancer Control Society, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh	50	388	40	165	-	-
12	Regional Cancer Institute (WIA), Adyar, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	95	51	70	25	34.12	7
13	Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences., Lucknow, U.Pradesh	7	1	-	-	31.00	5
14	Sher-I Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Soura, Srinagar.	15.8	3	-	-	328.85	70
15	Tata Memorial Hospital	50	4	-	-	116	17

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Annexure III

Details of Funds released to Hospitals under Health Minister's Discretionary Grant (HMDG)

S. No.	Hospital	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
		Amount (in Rs.)	Amount (in Rs.)	Amount (in Rs.)
1	AIIMS, New Delhi	1,35,46,775	2,52,81,506	1,04,73,309
2	PGIMER, Chandigarh	7,80,000	7,25,000	11,50,000
3	Safdarjung Hospital	4,26,100	5,85,000	1,96,000
4	G.B. Pant Hosital	10,82,100	7,59,464	16,46,818
5	SCTIMST, Tvm.	14,10,000	99,50,000	23,25,000
6	CHRI, Gwalior	48,25,000	25,00,000	43,00,000
7	L.N.J.P. Hospital	4,71,000	5,13,100	4,69,000
8	Dr. R.M.L. Hospital	7,33,625	3,00,000	6,98,242
9	I.L.B.S. New Delhi	75,000	75,000	4,15,000
10	NRSMCH, Kolkata	0	0	0
11	S.V.B.P. H. Merut	0	0	0
12	SKIMS, Srinagar	1,25,000	12,50,000	1,25,000
13	I.K.D.R.C. Ahmedabad	2,50,000	6,25,000	0
14	IPGMER,SSKM, Hospital	0	0	0
15	Medical College Hospital, Kolkata	0	0	0
16	GMC, Hospital, NRH A/C	3,75,000	2,50,000	8,10,000
17	Guahati Medical College	0	0	0
18	SPGIMS, Lucknow	5,00,000	6,50,000	5,75,000
19	NIMS, Hyderabad	0	0	0
20	Govt. Medical College	0	0	0
21	NEIGRIMS SHILLONG	35,52,000	36,75,930	11,50,000
22	CIVIL HOSPITAL AIZWAL	1,86,200	2,50,000	3,75,000
23	HOMI BHABHA, VISHAKHAPATNAM	75000	16,35,000	8,15,100
24	GTB HOSPITAL DELHI	75,000	0	0
25	PUDUCHERRY CANCER TRUST, PONDICHERRY	1,55,084	2,50,000	0
26	KNMH, ALLAHABAD	1,25,000	3,75,000	0
27	TMC, MUMBAI	75,000	2,00,000	3,75,000
28	KALAWATI HOSPITAL	0	1,00,000	1,00,000
29	S.G & A HOSPITAL LUCKNOW	0	50,000	2,00,000

30	Delhi state cancer Institute	0	2,50,000	0
31	ATRCIT, Rajasthan	0	4,50,000	3,00,000
32	CNCI, Kolkata	0	75,000	0
33	BRAMH, Raipur	0	1,00,000	0
34	Cancer Institute Adyar, Chennai	0	1,11,173	0
35	GMC, Jammu	0	1,25,000	0
36	SVIMS, Andhra Pradesh	0	2,50,000	0
37	GMC, Tvm	0	50,000	1,25,000
38	RML, Lucknow	0	1,75,000	0
39	Kashi Hindu Vishwavidyala, Varanasi	0	1,00,000	1,25,000
40	GMC Aurangabad	0	3,75,000	2,50,000
41	RCC, Tvm	0	5,55,000	7,50,000
42	Mega Seed Project Genetics & PB	0	0	12,30,800
43	Cancer Institute, UP	0	0	4,50,000
44	KGMU, Lucknow	0	0	50,000
45	HBCH&RC, AP	0	0	1,35,000
46	GMC, Kozhikodi	0	0	75,000
47	NITB&RD, New Delhi	0	0	1,50,000
48	PED, NOIDA	0	0	8,75,000
49	HBCHRC, Vishakhapatnam	0	0	13,91,000
50	Silcher Medical College	0	0	75,000
51	AIIMS, Jodhpur	0	0	1,00,000
52	HBCH, Varanasi	0	0	2,00,000
53	IKDRC, Ahmaedamad	0	0	1,25,000
54	SCTIMST, Kerala	0	0	1,25,000