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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2805 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH March, 2021

NON- IMPLEMENTATION OF AYUSHMAN BHARAT YOJANA

2805. SHRI JUAL ORAM:

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

- (a) the names of States/UTs where the centrally sponsored Ayushman Bharat Yojana is not being implemented;
- (b) the reasons cited by those States for non-implementation of said Yojana;
- (c) whether any effort is being made by the Government to provide the benefit of the scheme to the deprived people; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a): As on 10.03.2021, Ayushman Bharat Pradhan MantriJan Arogya Yojana is not being implemented in National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi, Odisha, Telangana, and West Bengal States.
- (b): The Government of NCT of Delhi had announced during the budget session of 2020 that AB-PMJAY would be implemented in the State. However, no further action has been intimated by them regarding the same.

AB-PMJAY was being implemented in the State of West Bengal from 23rd September 2018 till 10th January 2019 for which an amount of Rs. 31.28 crore was released as Central share of the scheme related expenses. However, State government decided to withdraw from the implementation of the scheme on 10th January 2019.

As regards to Odisha and Telangana, constant discussions are ongoing with the respective State Government to convince them to implement the AB-PMJAY.

(c) & (d): Public health being a State subject, the final decision regarding the implementation of AB-PMJAY rests with the concerned State government.

Several efforts have been made including visits to meet the leadership at the State level of the non-implementing States to implement AB-PMJAY. Further, Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare has also written to the Chief Ministers of these State requesting them to implement AB-PMJAY.