

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No-3705  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.03.2022**

**NATIONAL DIGITAL HEALTH ECOSYSTEM**

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SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
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SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to roll out the National Digital Health Ecosystem in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the budgetary provisions made and funds disbursed so far;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to launch National Tele Mental Health Programme' in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to set up network of 23 tele-mental health centers of excellence and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the other steps being taken by the Government for strengthening of health infrastructure in the country?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE**

**(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

**(a) to (f)** The National Digital Health Mission (now known as Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission-ABDM) was launched as a pilot on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020 in six Union Territories—Andaman & Nicobar, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Ladakh, Lakshadweep and Puducherry. Its aims to establish National Digital Health Ecosystem by creating an online platform enabling interoperability of health data within the health ecosystem to create longitudinal electronic health record of citizens.

The pilot phase of ABDM was successfully taken up from 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Three key registries of NDHM namely Health ID, Health Professional Registry (HPR), Health Facility Registry (HFR) and digital infrastructure for data exchange have been developed and

implemented in these UTs. On 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021, the national rollout of the ABDM has been announced. As on date, Rs 45 Cr has been released to National Health Authority (NHA) for implementation of ABDM.

Government has announced a “National Tele Mental Health Programme” in the Budget of 2022-23, to further improve access to quality mental health counselling and care services in the country. It also includes setting up a network of 23 tele-mental health Centres of Excellence.

Government of India provides technical and financial support to state government through various schemes including NHM (National Health Mission) to improve Health Infrastructure and to provide accessible, affordable and quality healthcare to citizens. Further, Government has initiated various schemes/programmes to supplement the efforts of the State/UT governments to provide quality healthcare across the country. Details of the few schemes are given below:

**Ayushman Bharat Health & Wellness Centres:** Under this scheme, the States are supported for establishment of 1.5 lakh Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) across the country for providing comprehensive primary care related to preventive, promotive and curative aspects of healthcare.

**Ayushman Bharat, Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)** provides health coverage up to Rs 5 Lakh per family per year to around 10.74 crore poor and vulnerable families as per Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC).

**Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (ABHIM)** is aimed at strengthening crucial public health infrastructure in the country such as setting up of integrated public health labs, upgradation and expansion of health infrastructure with focus on critical care and support to research institutions with an outlay of Rs 64,180 crore over a period of five years.