

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3816
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th March, 2022**

NATIONAL POLICY ON HEALTHCARE

3816: SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to bring in a National Health Policy in wake of the COVID-19, to address the shortcomings in the primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare system and strengthen it to detect and treat new and emerging diseases;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the necessary steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (c): The National Health Policy formulated in 2017 envisages to provide universal access to good quality health care services through increasing access, increasing affordability by lowering the cost of healthcare delivery and equity. The policy envisages as its goal the attainment of the highest possible level of health and wellbeing for all at all ages, through a preventive and promotive health care orientation in all developmental policies, and universal access to good quality health care services without anyone having to face financial hardship as a consequence.

Under National Health Mission (NHM), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides the technical and financial support to States/UTs as per the proposal submitted by them in the form of Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

The 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package-I' (ECRP-I) of Rs.15,000 Crores has been approved by the Cabinet with an objective to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19.

The Cabinet has also approved the scheme, “India Covid-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Package-II” (ECRP-II) for an amount of Rs.23,123 Crores.

The Government has launched four mission mode projects, namely PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), Ayushman Bharat Health & Wellness Centres (ABHWCs), Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) and Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)

PM-ABHIM was launched as a mission to develop the capacities of primary, secondary, and tertiary health care systems, strengthen existing national institutions, and create new institutions, to cater to detection and cure of new and emerging diseases. PM-ABHIM is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with some Central Sector Components, for implementation of the Atmanirbhar Bharat Package for health sector with an outlay of Rs 64,180 crore.

Under Ayushman Bharat Health & Wellness Centres(HWCs), Comprehensive Primary healthcare by strengthening Sub Health Centres (SHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) are facilitated. The HWCs are to provide preventive, promotive, rehabilitative and curative care for an expanded range of services encompassing Reproductive and child care services, Communicable diseases, Non-communicable diseases and all health issues.

Pradhan Mantri Jan ArogyaYojana (PMJAY), Scheme provides health coverage of Rs.5.00 lakh per family per year to around 10.74 crore poor and vulnerable families for secondary and tertiary care as per Socio Economic Caste Census data 2011.

Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) has been announced on 27th September, 2021 with aim to develop the backbone necessary to support the integrated digital health infrastructure of the country.
