

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1090  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2022**

**PROVISION OF CHEAP CARDIAC STENTS AND OTHER MEDICAL  
EQUIPMENTS**

**1090: SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is providing cheap cardiac stents and other medical equipments to the patients;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of patients benefitted under the scheme during the last three years, year-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has received any suggestion/complaint to make it more flexible to cover the eligible and deserving beneficiaries in large numbers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(a to e): National Health Authority (NHA) is mandated with the implementation of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri – Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPM-JAY). AB PM - JAY provides an annual health cover of Rs. 5 Lakhs per eligible beneficiary family for secondary and tertiary care hospitalizations corresponding to 1,949 treatment procedures across 27 specialties.

The treatment packages under Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY cover for the cost of implants to certain procedures. The quality certified implants are permitted to be used. The choice regarding the brand of implant is with the empaneled healthcare providers / treating doctor.

As of 21st July 2022, more than 3.63 Crore hospital admissions amounting to over Rs.42,880 Crores have been authorized under Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY. The authorized hospital admissions for the previous three financial years from FY 2019/20 to FY 2021/22 are as follows:

Financial Year	No. of authorized hospital admissions (in Lakhs)
2019-20	80.33
2020-21	80.71
2021-22*	144.88

Note: – Hospital admissions data for Rajasthan and Telangana for FY 2021-22 is sourced directly from the respective State Health Agencies.

Further, the authorized hospital admissions for the previous three financial years from FY 2019/20 to FY 2021/22, involving the use of cardiac stents or implants, is as follows:

Financial Year	No. of authorized hospital admissions (in Lakhs)
2019-20	1.28
2020-21	1.04
2021-22	1.63

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) under the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP) fixes the ceiling price for all drugs notified under Schedule-I of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 (DPCO, 2013) and monitors price trends so that drugs remain affordable.

Bare metal stents and drug eluting stents have been included in the Schedule-I of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013. The NPPA had fixed the ceiling prices of Stents initially on 13th February 2017 at ₹7,260 for Bare Metal Stents and ₹29,600 for Drug Eluting Stents (including BVS/ Biodegradable). The fixation of the ceiling price of coronary stents has resulted in an estimated notional saving of ₹4450 crore annually.

(NPPA) vide Gazette Notification No. S.O. 1502(E) dated 30th March 2022 notified the latest revised ceiling price, based on WPI, for the Coronary Stents as follows:

Sl. No	Type	Ceiling Price
1	Bare Metal Stents	Rs. 9,373.03/-
2	Drug Eluting Stents (DES) including metallic DES And Bioresorbable Vascular Scaffold (BVS)/Biodegradable Stents	Rs. 34,128.13/-

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