

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1933  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024**

**FUNDS ALLOCATION UNDER AB PM-JAY**

**1933. SHRI ARUN BHARTI:**

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

- (a) the amount of funds allocated, disbursed and utilized under AB PM-JAY since January 2021, year-wise;
- (b) the total number of the beneficiaries under AB PM-JAY during the said period;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to make the said successful since January 2021; and
- (d) whether the Government is considering to expand the AB PM-JAY for the next five years, if so, the details thereof, year-wise?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a): Under Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), funds are released to States/UTs as per the actual utilization. The Financial Year-wise details of funds allocated and released to States/UTs under AB-PMJAY are as under:

Financial Year	Funds allocated for release to States/UTs as Grant-In-Aid (In crore of Rupees)	Funds released to States/UTs as Grant-In-Aid (In crore of Rupees)
2020-21	5995	2978.86
2021-22	5995	2940.65
2022-23*	6000	6048.63
2023-24	6220	6060.44
2024-25	6878	4106.14 (as on 25.11.2024)

\*Budget for FY 2022-23 was revised to ₹6,295 crore at the RE stage.

(b): AB-PMJAY aims to provide health cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to approximately 55 crore beneficiaries corresponding to 12.37 crore families constituting the bottom 40% of India's population.

Initially, 10.74 crore beneficiary families under AB-PMJAY were targeted on the basis of the Socio-economic Caste Census (SECC) of 2011 using select deprivation and occupational criteria across rural and urban areas respectively to identify the families. Further, in January 2022, on the basis of decadal growth rate of 11.7%, Government of India revised the beneficiary base to 12 crore families and States/UTs have been given the flexibility to use other databases for verification of beneficiaries against such SECC beneficiaries who could not be identified and verified.

In March 2024, 37 lakh families of ASHA, Anganwadi Worker and Anganwadi Helpers were also included in the scheme. Further, on 29.10.2024, the Government of India expanded the scheme to provide free treatment benefits of up to ₹5 lakh per year on a family basis to all senior citizens aged 70 years and above, irrespective of their socio-economic status. Additionally, many States/UTs implementing the scheme have expanded the beneficiary base at their own cost.

The Financial Year-wise details of Ayushman cards created under AB-PMJAY are as under:

Financial Year	Number of Ayushman cards created
2020-21	3.2 crore
2021-22	2.3 crore
2022-23	9.4 crore
2023-24	11.4 crore
2024-25	2.2 crore (as on 30.11.2024)

(c) and (d): Several measures are taken for effective implementation of Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY). These are improved beneficiary identification, service uptake, awareness and monitoring. To enhance beneficiary identification, the National Health Authority (NHA) has enriched databases, upgraded technology with BIS 2.0 for easier card generation and implemented campaigns like "Aapke Dwar Ayushman" to mobilize millions. Service uptake is boosted through rationalization of Health Benefit Packages (HBP 2022), introduction of beneficiary facilitation agencies. Beneficiary empowerment efforts include partnerships with grassroots workers, initiatives like Ayushman Mitra and the issuance of Adhikar and Abhinandan Patras to inform and engage beneficiaries. Awareness campaigns leverage diverse media platforms to disseminate information. Monitoring is ensured through a dedicated Monitoring and Research division, anti-fraud units and periodic evaluations. Together, these initiatives aim to improve access, ensure transparency and maximize the scheme's reach and impact.

As a result of the persistent efforts, as on 31.10.2024, more than 35.8 crore Ayushman cards have been created across the country and a total of 29,870 hospitals are empaneled under the scheme including 13,173 private hospitals, to ensure delivery of quality healthcare services to the beneficiaries. Further, a total of 8.19 crore hospital admissions worth Rs. 1.13 lakh crore have been authorized under the scheme.

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