GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4159
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20ᵗʰ DECEMBER, 2024

"AYUSH Packages for Non-Communicable Diseases"

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Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the AYUSH treatment packages to be included in Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) stores and the manner in which these packages are likely to be helpful in treating the non-communicable diseases like diabetes, high blood pressure, arthritis and hypertension, State/UT-wise and district-wise especially in Jharkhand and tribal dominated Palghar district of Maharashtra;

(b) the manner in which the Government is working with insurance companies to finalize the cost structure of packages for the Ayush treatment under Ayushman Bharat Yojana and cooperating with the health insurance companies for their coverage;

(c) whether the Government proposes to include Panchkarma, Yoga, Ayurvedic drugs, Unani treatment, Homoeopathy and Naturopathy under Ayush packages;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the introduction of these AYUSH treatment packages in AB-PMJAY to improve access to affordable and effective healthcare for vulnerable populations, particularly those suffering from non-communicable diseases;

(e) the details of the scheme to implement the Ayush packages in a phased manner by 2025 along with the details of the pilot projects to be introduced in the selected States;

(f) whether the Government has taken some special steps to ensure equal access to Ayush services in the rural and urban areas in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(g) the details of the measures taken by the Government to raise awareness among beneficiaries regarding the availability of AYUSH treatments under AB-PMJAY as on date; and

(h) the manner in which the inclusion of AYUSH treatments in the AB-PMJAY scheme contribute to integrating traditional medicine with mainstream healthcare in the country alongwith the benefits is likely to bring to the general public?

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ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

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(a) Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri-Jan Arogya Yojana (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.
The latest National Health Benefits Packages include 1,961 packages across 27 specialties, offering secondary and tertiary care services to PM-JAY beneficiaries. All pre-existing conditions are covered from day one and services include a list of predetermined procedures covering all the costs related to treatment.

Addition of the new packages to the National Health Benefits Packages is done by Medical Expert committees set up for different specialties comprising of experts from leading institutions.

The committee assesses the need for the inclusion of the new package evaluating the clinical relevance, cost-effectiveness, and overall impact of the proposed packages on patient care and health outcomes. The committee also finalises the standard treatment guidelines and required documentation to guide healthcare providers and streamline the claims process. Recommendations of the committee are reviewed by the Health Policy and Quality Assurance Division of National Health Authority (NHA) and after consultation with the State Health Authorities, the packages are finalized for inclusion in the National Health Benefits Package with approval of the competent authority.

The Ayush packages are not included in Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri-Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PM JAY).

(b) to (h) Does not arise.

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