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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3557
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST MARCH, 2025

DIAGNOSTIC TESTS UNDER AYUSHMAN BHARAT SCHEME

3557.   DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that major diagnostic tests such as MRI, CT Scan, Angiography and other high-cost tests are not covered under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme unless the patient is admitted to a hospital;

(b) if so, the reasons for excluding these critical diagnostic services, which are essential for early detection and management of several life-threatening conditions;

(c) whether the Government has any plans to expand the scope of the Ayushman Bharat Scheme to include these diagnostic tests, thereby alleviating the financial burden on economically vulnerable sections of society and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has any plans to include these services along with alternative measures being implemented to ensure that beneficiaries can access these diagnostic tests at affordable rates and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) and (b): Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) provides free healthcare access up to Rs. 5 lakh per eligible beneficiary family per year for secondary and tertiary care related to in-patient services in 27 different medical specialties corresponding to 1961 procedures. Treatment packages under AB-PMJAY are designed in a very comprehensive manner and are inclusive of the cost of all the indicative tests that may be required as part of the patient's diagnosis and treatment. Certain expensive high-end investigations like radiological diagnostics (CT Scan, MRI, Imaging including nuclear imaging) can be booked as Add-on packages to any medical packages under the scheme.

(c) and (d): Regular updation such as inclusion of new procedures, empanelment of new hospitals, inclusion of new beneficiaries and other improvements are done in the scheme as per requirements from time to time.

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