

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5692
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04TH APRIL, 2025**

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES OF AYUSHMAN BHARAT SCHEME

†5692. SHRI CHHATRAPAL SINGH GANGWAR:

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

- (a) the total number of beneficiaries benefitted under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme in the country since its inception;
- (b) the targets set for the upcoming year; and
- (c) the new initiatives proposed to be taken by the Government to improve health services in rural areas of the country?

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

(a): As on 01.03.2025, more than 8.9 crore hospital admissions worth ₹1.26 lakh crore have been authorized under Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY).

(b): Targets are not fixed for AB-PMJAY as the scheme operates on the basis of beneficiary demand for healthcare services. All the eligible beneficiaries of the implementing States/UTs are entitled for healthcare services under the scheme.

(c): Regular updation such as expansion of beneficiary base, inclusion of new procedures, empanelment of new hospitals, and other improvements are done in the scheme as per new requirements from time to time. Some of the steps taken/new initiatives are as below:

- In January 2022, Government of India revised the beneficiary base from earlier 10.74 crore families to 12 crore families. Further, in March 2024, the eligibility criteria under the scheme were expanded to include 37 lakh Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs), Anganwadi Workers (AWWs), Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) and their families. Further, on 29.10.2024, the government expanded AB-PMJAY to provide free treatment benefits of up to ₹5 lakh per year to approximately 6 crore senior citizens aged 70 years and above, belonging to 4.5 crore families, irrespective of their socio-economic status through Ayushman Vay Vandana card.

- The empanelled hospitals network of AB-PMJAY has consistently improved to 30,957 empanelled hospitals including 13,866 private hospitals and 17,091 public hospitals to ensure greater access to quality healthcare for all eligible beneficiaries.
- The Health Benefits Packages (HBPs) of the scheme have been revised five times since launch of the scheme which now comprises 1,961 packages across 27 medical specialties.
