

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 988
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH JULY, 2025**

PRADHAN MANTRI JAN AAROGYA YOJANA

988. SHRI S JAGATHRATCHAKAN:

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

- (a) the details of the beneficiaries who are senior citizens aged 70 and above under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the details regarding the coordination of the said scheme with other existing public health insurance schemes, such as the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) and Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) including the details whether the senior citizens is likely to be given the option to transition to AB-PMJAY, if they prefer;
- (c) the details regarding the budget allocation for this expansion; and
- (d) whether any monitoring mechanisms are in place to track the scheme's effectiveness in providing timely care to senior citizens and to evaluate the financial impact of this expanded coverage and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a): As on 30.06.2025, a total of 17.44 lakh senior citizens aged 70 years and above have enrolled through Ayushman Vay Vandana card in Tamil Nadu under Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY).

(b): The expansion of AB-PMJAY has been designed to address potential overlaps with other existing public health insurance schemes. Beneficiaries already covered under any government-funded health insurance scheme, such as CGHS or ECHS, are given a one-time option to either continue with their existing coverage or transition to AB-PMJAY.

As part of the enrollment process for the Ayushman Vay Vandana card in BIS 2.0, beneficiaries are required to make a declaration opting into AB-PMJAY, if they choose to avail benefits under this scheme.

(c): The budget allocated as the Central share for Ayushman Vay Vandana expansion under AB-PMJAY is ₹ 2,165 crore for FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26. The funding of AB-PMJAY is entirely demand driven. NHA releases funds for scheme implementation to the States/UTs on the basis of the actual demand received from them.

(d): A real-time IT dashboard monitoring mechanism has been put in place to monitor the progress and effectiveness of Vay Vandana scheme. Advanced analytical dashboards are used to track Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), such as card creation, hospitalization authorizations, claim settlement timelines and beneficiary demographics, including senior citizens. All the State Health Agencies are given State specific login IDs to access the dashboard.
