

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.+1037
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH DECEMBER, 2025**

KNEE REPLACEMENT SURGERIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

+1037 SHRI BAJRANG MANOHAR SONWANE:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that approximately sixty percent of senior citizens across the country are suffering from knee joint pain and a large number of them require knee replacement surgery and currently this facility is available primarily in private hospitals where the cost of treatment ranges from approximately 1.5 lakh to 3 lakh, making it extremely difficult for patients from economically weaker sections to afford;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the problem that poor and needy patients are unable to access necessary surgery due to expensive treatment, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is planning to introduce or expand the knee replacement surgeries in Government hospitals across the country; and
- (e) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

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

(a) to (e) : Knee joint pain is an age-related degenerative disease namely Osteoarthritis which is treated conservatively with exercise and medicines. Some of the patients require knee joint replacement in advanced stage of osteoarthritis. Knee Joint Replacement facility is already available in most of the government hospitals.

Under the Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), eligible families receive cashless health coverage upto Rs.5 lakh per year for secondary and tertiary care, including procedures such as knee replacement, through empanelled public and private hospitals. The scheme has been expanded to cover 6 crore senior citizens of age 70 years and above belonging to 4.5 crore families irrespective of their socio-economic status, under AB-PMJAY with Vay Vandana Card.

The latest national master of the Health Benefit Packages, under AB-PMJAY, covers 1961 procedures across 27 specialties, including Total Knee Replacement (TKR). Under the

Orthopedics specialty, TKR is provided both as a primary procedure for first-time knee replacement and as a revision procedure for cases requiring repeat or corrective surgery. As per the data available on the NHA IT System, 1.59 lakh hospital admissions of senior citizens aged 60 years and above, amounting to Rs.1428.93 crore have been authorized for TKR under the scheme, as on 26th November, 2025.
