

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2217
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2025**

FRAUD CASES OF CLAIMS UNDER AB-PMJAY

2217. SHRI KALI CHARAN SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has detected cases of fraud, misuse, impersonation or inflated claims under the Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) during the last three years across the country;
- (b) if so, the details of fraudulent transactions, including the number of hospitals, beneficiaries and officials found involved, State/UT-wise and year-wise;
- (c) the total amount of fraudulent or irregular claims identified and the amount recovered so far;
- (d) whether the National Health Authority (NHA) has taken action such as de-empanelment, suspension, penalty imposition or filing of FIRs against hospitals engaged in fraudulent practices including recovery of excess payments, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen anti-fraud mechanisms such as AI-based claim scrutiny, real-time risk scoring, audits and biometric verification to prevent misuse of public funds under AB-PMJAY?

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

(a) to (e): Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) is governed on a zero-tolerance approach towards fraud. National Anti-Fraud Unit (NAFU) has been established at National Health Authority which works in close coordination with the State Anti-Fraud Units (SAFU) to investigate and take action on cases of fraud. Appropriate action including suspension, issue of show cause notices, warning letter, de-empanelment of hospitals, de-activation of e-cards, levying of penalty on errant hospitals and lodging of FIRs, are taken against fraudulent entities.

As on 15.11.2025, 1184 hospitals have been de-empanelled, penalties amounting to Rs. 231.88 crore have been levied against fraudulent entities and 411 hospitals have been suspended by the States/UTs.

NAFU uses AI/ML-based automated triggers to flag unusual claims such as duplicate entries, inflated procedures or misuse of patient's identity. Regular capacity-building workshops and field-level training sessions are conducted to strengthen the overall anti-fraud framework of AB-PMJAY.
