

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4656
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH MARCH, 2026**

SUSPENSION OF HOSPITALS UNDER AB-PMJAY

4656. SMT. RACHNA BANERJEE:

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

(a) the number of hospitals that have suspended the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) scheme in the country citing pending bills, State-wise; and

(b) the amount (in Rs.) of pending bills under (AB-PMJAY) in the country as of March 2026, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Under Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), hospital empanelment is a continuous process and is undertaken by the implementing State/UT based on the requirements and availability of healthcare providers meeting the criteria within a given State/UT as per empanelment guidelines of National Health Authority. The empanelment of private hospitals under the scheme is entirely voluntary.

The empanelment of hospitals under the scheme has increased from 6,917 hospitals in FY 2018–19, comprising 3,013 public and 3,904 private hospitals to 36,229 hospitals as on 28.02.2026, comprising 19,483 public and 16,746 private hospitals.

Under the scheme, settlement of claims is a regular and uninterrupted process and claims are settled by respective State Health Agencies as per claim adjudication guidelines issued by National Health Authority. As per these guidelines, the permissible turnaround time for settlement of claims to hospitals is within 15 days of claims submission for the intra-state hospitals (hospitals located within State) and within 30 days in case of portability claims (hospitals located outside State).

Under AB-PMJAY, claims submitted by empanelled hospitals are scrutinized based on the clinical documents, investigation reports, and other supporting records, in accordance with the prescribed standard treatment guidelines.
