

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3394
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH AUGUST, 2016**

HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME

3394. ADV. CHINTAMAN NAVASHA WANAGA:

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

- (a) whether the Health Insurance Scheme launched by the Government provides special/additional health insurance to senior citizens; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of senior citizens ensured under the scheme as on date?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

(a) & (b): Government of India is implementing Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) for BPL and other eleven defined categories of families to provide cashless health insurance coverage upto Rs. 30,000. The Senior Citizens Health Insurance Scheme (SCHIS) as top up over existing RSBY scheme has been implemented from 01.04.2016 for senior citizens aged 60 years and above. SCHIS provides enhanced coverage of Rs. 30,000 per senior citizen in the family eligible for coverage under RSBY. All the senior citizens that are enrolled under RSBY are entitled for the benefits under SCHIS. The States have been directed to implement this add on scheme along with RSBY.