

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1097
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH JULY, 2026**

AYUSHMAN CARDS

†1097. SHRI UJJWAL RAMAN SINGH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the families having fewer than six members and no member above 70 years of age are ineligible for Ayushman card;
- (b) if so, the arrangements made for the treatment of families having less than six members;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make Ayushman cards for families with less than six members; and
- (d) if so, the timeline thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (d): Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) provides health coverage of Rs. 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to 12 crore economically vulnerable families, constituting the bottom 40% of India's population. In March 2024, the scheme was expanded to include approximately 37 lakh families of Accredited Social Health Activists, Anganwadi Workers, and Anganwadi Helpers.

For above beneficiary categories, there is no cap on family size, age, or gender. All eligible members of a beneficiary family are entitled to health coverage under the scheme, irrespective of their age or gender.

In October 2024, the scheme was further 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.
