

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3318
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07TH AUGUST, 2026**

STRENGTHENING OF PRIMARY HEALTH SERVICES IN REMOTE AREAS

†3318. SHRI CHINTAMANI MAHARAJ:

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

- (a) whether there has been a significant increase in the number of beneficiaries, treatments and hospital admissions under the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) in Chhattisgarh, including Surguja district and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether special steps have been taken by the Union Government to strengthen primary healthcare services, screening, diagnostic services and health insurance coverage through Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs) in tribal and remote regions of the State, such as Surguja District and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the progress made under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) and other digital health initiatives to expand and integrate digital health services across various health schemes; and
- (d) the major achievements of the scheme towards improving the availability of healthcare services, reducing out-of-pocket health expenditure for beneficiaries and achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in tribal and rural areas of the country?

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

(a) There has been a significant increase in the utilization of Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) in Chhattisgarh, including Surguja district. The number of Ayushman Cards created in the State increased from 3.18 lakh in FY 2018–19 to 14.52 lakh in FY 2025–26, while authorised hospital admissions increased from 3.42 lakh to 15.22 lakh during the same period, reflecting the growing outreach and utilization of the Scheme by eligible beneficiaries.

As on 31.07.2026, a total of 2.47 crore Ayushman Cards have been created in the State, including 8.49 lakh Ayushman Cards in Surguja district. Further, a total of 93.17 lakh hospital admissions have been authorized in Chhattisgarh, of which 2.93 lakh hospital admissions have been authorized in Surguja district.

(b): Under National Health Mission, through 1.86 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAM) in the country, (including 5898 in Chhattisgarh State and 218 in Sarguja district), comprehensive primary healthcare is provided by strengthening Sub Health Centres and Primary Health Centres. These AAM provide preventive, promotive, rehabilitative and curative care for an expanded range of services encompassing reproductive and child healthcare services, communicable diseases, non-communicable diseases and other health issues.

(c): The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) was launched by the Government of India in September 2021 to support the development of an integrated, citizen-centric national digital health ecosystem. Several national health programme platforms, including AB-PMJAY, Nikshay, Reproductive and Child Health and Non-Communicable Disease are integrated with ABDM. In addition, various government and private Hospital Management Information System have also been integrated with ABDM, enabling these systems to create Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA), create & share digital health records for seamless interoperability across the ecosystem. The progress of ABDM, as on 31.07.2026 for the country is as under:

- ABHA created for citizens – 95.99 crore
- Health Record Linked to citizen's ABHA – 107.55 crore
- Verified Healthcare Professionals on Healthcare Professional Registry – 10.33 lacs
- Verified Health Facilities on Health Facility Registry- 5.40 lacs
- Facilities using ABDM-enabled software – 2.76 lacs

(d): AB-PMJAY has significantly improved access to quality secondary and tertiary healthcare services for eligible beneficiaries through a nationwide network of empanelled public and private hospitals. As on 31.07.2026, a total of 38,374 hospitals have been empanelled under the scheme, across the country.

Further, more than 12.69 crore hospital admissions, amounting to more than Rs. 1.92 lakh crore, have been authorized under the scheme, enabling eligible beneficiaries to avail cashless treatment under the scheme.
