

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) to (c) Under Ayushman Bharat –Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs), the Government is supporting the States, including the state of Jharkhand, for strengthening Sub Centres and Primary Health Centres as Health and Wellness Centres for provision of comprehensive primary care.

Under Ayushman Bharat –Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), the number of hospitals empanelled across the country as on 27.06.2019 is 15,755 including Private –Not for Profit Hospitals.

Private hospitals are empanelled by the concerned State/UT based on the defined criteria and empanelment guidelines. Empanelled hospitals have sufficient infrastructure to provide quality services.

The Government does not intend to provide financial assistance for additional capital and infrastructure in empanelled Hospitals under AB-PMJAY.

Broad Guidelines for Private Investments in setting up of Hospitals in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities subsequent to the launch of AB- PMJAY have been issued by the Government in January, 2019.

Support to States for not implementing Ayushman Bharat Yojana

1187. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that he has written to all those State Governments which have not joined the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana;
- (b) whether Government has any plan to give full support and cooperation to States in aligning their own schemes with Ayushman Bharat; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) The States of Odisha, Telangana and UT of Delhi have not signed the Memorandum of Understanding for implementation of Ayushman Bharat –Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY). The State Government of West Bengal has opted out of the scheme in January, 2019.

Minister, Health and Family Welfare has written letters to all these States/UT.

(b) and (c) Under Ayushman Bharat –Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs), support is being provided to States for transformation of Sub Centres and Primary Health Centres into HWCs based on the proposal received from them in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

Technical support and co-ordination is already being provided to the States for aligning their existing health insurance scheme(s) with AB-PMJAY. As on date, 30 States/UTs are implementing AB-PMJAY and among these States/UTs, those who have their own scheme(s) have aligned it with AB-PMJAY.

AES outbreak in Bihar

1188. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that 143 cases have been reported and 60 kids have died in Bihar due to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES); and
- (b) if so, the immediate steps taken by Government with respect to investigating the cause of deaths and remedial measures adopted, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) The details of cases and deaths due to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) is as follows:—

Year	2019 (till 28.06.2019) (Provisional)
Cases	720
Deaths	153

(b) As per Constitutional provisions, 'Health' is a State subject. However, Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) have taken measures to support State in containment of AES cases as follows:—

- **Union Health and Family Welfare Minister (HFM)** had reviewed the situation with Health Minister of Bihar and also with officials from Ministry.
- MoHFW had deputed a Central team of experts consisting of Public Health Specialist from various Central Government Institutes to assist the State Government in containment and management measures.
- HFM visited Bihar along with Minister of State (HFW) and team of officers. HFM reviewed the situation and also visited Shri Krishna Medical College and Hospital, (SKMCH), Muzaffarpur.
- MoHFW deployed another high level multi-disciplinary team to Muzaffarpur drawing senior Paediatricians from various Central Government Institutes to advise state in their efforts to manage the cases. Epidemiologists from NCDC,