

(INC) records, there are around 8,85,383 Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANM), 21,29,820 Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives (RN&RM) and 56,644 Lady Health Visitors (LHV) in the country. The Nurse patient ratio in the country at present is 1.7 nurses per 1000 population. However, the nurse- patient ratio varies from State to State, District to District and Institution to Institution. The problem is more of skewed distribution, with dense concentration of work force in some areas and lesser concentration in other areas.

(b) and (c) Some of the proactive measures taken to improve situation for better healthcare services in the country are:

- (i) There are around 8500 Nursing Institutions in the country producing about 3 lakh nursing personnel annually.
- (ii) In order to increase the number of nursing seats:-
 - (a) The requirement of land to construct building for School/College of Nursing and Hostel has been relaxed.
 - (b) The requirement of a 100 bedded parent hospital has been relaxed for hilly and tribal areas.
 - (c) The student teacher ratio for M.Sc.(N) programme has been relaxed from 1:5 to 1:10
 - (d) Student patient ratio for Nursing Institutions has been relaxed from 1:5 to 1:3

Distribution of Ayushman Bharat cards

†1363. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the prescribed number of cards have been distributed to the eligible beneficiaries under the Government of India's Ayushman Bharat Scheme having been implemented in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the number of cards distributed in this regard; and
- (c) the number of persons to whom these cards have not been distributed and the reasons for non-distribution thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) to (c) Services at Ayushman Bharat- Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) are free and universal to all individuals residing in the service area.

Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) is an entitlement-based scheme for providing health cover up to ₹ 5 lakh per family per annum to around 10.74 crore poor and vulnerable families. No registration or enrolment of entitled beneficiaries is required for availing the benefits under AB-PMJAY.

However, in order to create awareness and facilitate easy availing of benefits, paper-based e-cards are being issued to the beneficiaries, after verifying their identity. The identification of beneficiaries is a continuous process and the responsibility of issuing AB-PMJAY e-cards lies with the States/UTs.

In Madhya Pradesh, around 83.92 lakh beneficiary families are entitled for benefits under AB-PMJAY and as on 02.03.2020, 1,40,63,887 individual beneficiaries have been verified under the scheme. State has been advised to issue e-cards to eligible beneficiaries in a mission mode.

Budget allocation for AIIMS, Delhi

†1364. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the budget allocation for All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi has been decreased in the general budget;

(b) if so, whether it would be a meaningful step towards enhancing the quality of treatment in AIIMS;

(c) the reasons for which Government has to decrease the corpus of budget of the country's largest AIIMS; and

(d) the percentage of funds out of GDP being spent on the treatment at present and how much it has been increased during the last six years?

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