

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No-2987
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2022**

NATIONAL DIGITAL HEALTH MISSION

2987 SHRI BINOY VISWAM:

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

- (a) the measures to be taken to ensure that the digital records of the citizens accessing the portal will be safe to avoid breach of privacy and confidentiality;
- (b) the comprehensive plan to make it inclusive given the existing digital divide, language barriers and internet connectivity issues in the country;
- (c) the total number of health ID cards issued till date, total number of hospitals and doctors who have enrolled in the program; and
- (d) the status of digitization of health records amongst various health care providers and steps Government has taken to ensure that health records are digitized effectively and promptly?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (d) ‘Privacy by Design’ is one of the key guiding principles of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) (earlier known as National Digital Health Mission). Under ABDM, no health data is centrally stored and it facilitates secure data exchange between the intended stakeholders after the citizens’ consent.

Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) is implemented by National Health Authority (NHA). Its aims to create an online platform enabling interoperability of health data within the health ecosystem to create longitudinal electronic health record of every citizen. NHA is providing necessary support including technical assistance and training, for all stakeholders to integrate their solutions under ABDM ecosystem. The digital health ecosystem created by ABDM supports continuity of care across primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare in a seamless manner. It ensures availability of health care services particularly in remote and rural areas.

Inclusion is one of the key principles of ABDM. The Mission has already provisioned for ABHA (earlier known as Health ID) creation through assisted and offline modes which enable the citizens in areas of limited or no resource settings to join the ABDM network.

Creation of Health ID (ABHA) is the first step in digitization of health records. As on 23rd March 2022, a total of 20,81,45,351 Health IDs (now known as ABHA) have been created and around 24,041 health facilities & 11,749 doctors have been registered under ABDM

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