

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No-1866
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd AUGUST, 2022**

UPGRADATION OF HEALTH SECTOR IN THE COUNTRY

**1866: SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR
SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV**

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

- (a) the efforts made by Government to make the health sector or services in the country of global standards;
- (b) whether Government is considering any policy to reduce medical expenses for treatment in private hospitals and also to bring uniformity in expenses, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government is considering development or upgradation of hospitals in various States of the country, and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (c): Government has initiated various schemes/programmes to supplement the efforts of the State/UT governments and to provide quality and affordable healthcare services across the country which also include:

Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness (AB-HWC) aims to create 1,50,000 Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) to deliver Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC) spanning preventive, promotive, curative, rehabilitative and palliative care besides free essential drugs and diagnostic services across the country.

Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), world's largest health assurance scheme, provides health coverage up to Rs 5 Lakh per family per year to around 10.74 crore poor and vulnerable families as per Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC). The benefit of AB-PMJAY (cashless health care services) can be availed across public and private hospitals empanelled under scheme.

Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (AB-DM) for creating a seamless online platform enabling interoperability within the digital health ecosystem to create longitudinal Electronic Health Record of every citizen and make healthcare more accessible for citizens, enabling healthcare quality and continuity of treatment.

Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (ABHIM) has been launched in 2021 with aim to strengthen public health infrastructure in the country such as setting up of

Integrated Public Health labs for disease diagnosis, upgradation and expansion of health infrastructure with focus on critical care and support to research institutions.

Under National Health Mission and other schemes including Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), Union Government provides financial support to AIIMS & other Central Hospitals and States/ UTs for development or upgradation of Medical Colleges & hospitals.
