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Need to make Ayushman Scheme more effective by enabling poor to get full benefits

SHRI SANJEEV ARORA (Punjab): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak on a very important issue which is regarding the Ayushman scheme launched by the Government. I am talking from the official numbers and, from the official numbers of the Ayushman scheme, it is clear that the average amount spent on every patient is Rs.12,000 whereas the approved amount is Rs.5,00,000 for every family. So, Rs.12,000 is less for two reasons. First of all, all the hospitals which can take care of critical care are not empanelled with Ayushman which means that now the average bed size of hospitals empanelled under Ayushman scheme is 48. It further means that only smaller hospitals are empanelled and the bigger hospitals, which can take care of critical illnesses, are not.

So, my request to the Government is to make bigger hospitals compulsory for empanelment or, at least, those hospitals which have medical colleges taking benefit from the Government and taking income tax exemption. It is because, Sir, poor patients are not getting treatment to the extent promised under Ayushman Bharat Scheme.

Also, the cost of treatment approved under Ayushman Bharat Scheme is very less. So, private and corporate hospitals do not want to get themselves empanelled. That is why patients do not get the best possible care under this scheme.

So, my request to the Government is to make empanelment of some hospitals compulsory, increase charges, to some extent, under Ayushman Bharat Scheme, so that all poor people are covered. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the Zero Hour submission made by the hon. Member, Shri Sanjeev Arora: Shri Jayant Chaudhary (Uttar Pradesh), Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas (West Bengal), Dr. Fauzia Khan (Maharashtra), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Shrimati Suleta Deo (Odisha), Shrimati Vandana Chavan (Maharashtra), Dr. Amar Patnaik (Odisha), Shrimati Priyanka Chaturvedi (Maharashtra), Shrimati Jebi Mather Hisham (Kerala), Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu (Tamil Nadu), Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla, Dr. John Birttas (Kerala) and Dr. Santanu Sen (West Bengal).