

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1727
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06TH AUGUST, 2024**

FREE MEDICAL TREATMENT TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS

1727. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:

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

- (a) whether Government mulls formulating a scheme to provide free medical treatment to the senior citizens of the country of 70 years and above; and
- (b) if so, the details of the scheme and whether it would be a separate scheme or an extended version of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-MPJAY)?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) and (b): Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) is the largest publicly funded health assurance scheme in the world, which provides health cover of Rs. 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to approximately 55 crore beneficiaries corresponding to 12.34 crore families, constituting the bottom 40% of India's population. States/UTs implementing AB-PMJAY have further expanded the beneficiary base at their own cost. All members of the eligible families irrespective of age are covered under the scheme.
