

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2188
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2025**

ISSUE OF AYUSHMAN VAY VANDANA YOJANA CARDS

2188. DR. K SUDHAKAR:

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

- (a) the status of Ayushman Vay Vandana Yojana across the country, State/UT-wise including Karnataka;
- (b) the number of such Cards issued in the country till date, State/UT-wise especially for Karnataka;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to reduce the age limit for beneficiaries of the said scheme from 70 to 60 years in the near future so as to extend the said benefits to all senior citizens in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the total number of identified beneficiaries under the said scheme across the country, State/UT-wise especially for Karnataka?

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

(a) to (d): Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) is a flagship scheme of the Government which provides health cover of Rs. 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to 12 crore families constituting economically vulnerable bottom 40% of India's population. There is no cap on family size and all members of eligible families irrespective of age and gender are covered under the scheme. In October 2024, Government of India expanded AB-PMJAY to provide free health cover of Rs. 5 lakh per year to all senior citizens aged 70 years and above, irrespective of their socio-economic status.

As on 05.12.2025, more than 93 lakh Ayushman Vay Vandana cards have been created across all States and UTs. The State/UT-wise details of the number of Ayushman Cards created under Vay Vandana category for Senior Citizen can be accessed from the website: <https://dashboard.nha.gov.in/public/card>. As on 31.10.2025, total 7.89 lakh hospital admissions amounting to Rs. 1741 crore were authorized under the Ayushman Vay Vandana category across the implementing States/ UTs. Further, expansion in treatment is done by inclusion of new procedures, empanelment of new hospitals, inclusion of new beneficiaries and other improvements as per requirements from time to time.

(e): The scheme covers 6 crore senior citizens of age 70 years and above belonging to 4.5 crore families irrespective of their socio-economic status. The State/UT-wise estimated number of senior citizen beneficiaries are at **Annexure**.

AnnexureState/UT-wise estimated number of senior citizen beneficiaries (70 years & above)

State/UT	Estimated senior citizen individuals
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	13,329
Andhra Pradesh	25,94,554
Arunachal Pradesh	35,085
Assam	12,07,517
Bihar	39,42,479
Chandigarh	38,434
Chhattisgarh	10,97,453
Delhi	6,08,853
DNH & DD	13,062
Goa	92,727
Gujarat	28,53,690
Haryana	12,76,661
Himachal Pradesh	4,72,957
Jammu & Kashmir	5,83,763
Jharkhand	11,54,024
Karnataka	33,40,390
Kerala	26,84,247
Ladakh	14,500
Lakshadweep	2,754
Madhya Pradesh	34,73,325
Maharashtra	66,26,963
Manipur	1,23,101
Meghalaya	79,201
Mizoram	42,272
Nagaland	63,403
Odisha	23,12,979

State/UT	Estimated senior citizen individuals
Puducherry	73,468
Punjab	17,36,990
Rajasthan	31,45,124
Sikkim	25,261
Tamil Nadu	43,19,331
Telangana	18,02,995
Tripura	1,84,232
Uttar Pradesh	89,06,369
Uttarakhand	5,33,339
