

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1585
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH JULY, 2023**

GENDER EQUALITY UNDER AB-PMJAY

1585. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:

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

- (a) whether appropriate policy measures have been taken to ensure gender equality in access to quality healthcare under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether as a result of appropriate policy measures the number of women receiving Ayushman cards and getting admission in all authorized hospitals have increased; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(PROF. S. P. SINGH BAGHEL)**

(a) to (d): Ayushman Bharat –Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) has made a conscious effort to put women at the front and centre of the national conversation on health which has ensured equal participation of women under the scheme. As a result, women account for approximately 49% of Ayushman card recipients. Further, 141 Health Benefit Packages (HBPs) under the scheme are exclusively earmarked for women. Correspondingly, utilization of scheme services by women, stands at approximately 48% of total authorized hospital admissions.
