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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

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INFRASTRUTURAL SUPPORT OF NATIONAL DIGITAL HEALTH MISSION

1375. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

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

(a) whether the Government has made an assessment of the infrastructural and administrative support created/provided under the National Digital Health Mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to include private sector through Public Private Partnership (PPP) model under various initiatives of the Scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has taken any steps to provide benefits of this scheme to the poor and those deprived of digital facilities; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(PROF. SATYA PAL SINGH BAGHEL)

(a) to (f) Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) (earlier known as National Digital Health Mission) was launched in September 2021. ABDM aims to create an online platform enabling interoperability of health data within the health ecosystem. The aim of this mission is to create an Electronic Health Record (EHR) of every citizen.

ABDM envisages to develop the backbone necessary to support the integrated digital health infrastructure of the country. The core components of the Mission include Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) for citizens, Health Professional Registry (HPR), Health Facility Registry (HFR) and ABHA Application.

The infrastructure required for development of interoperable digital platform & certain modules under the National Digital Health Mission (now Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission) has broadly been assessed and identified in line with the objectives of ABDM. For administrative support, various policy frameworks such as Health Data Management Policy, Sandbox Guidelines, Health Information Provider Guidelines etc. have been prepared and issued for smooth implementation of ABDM. NHA is providing necessary support including technical assistance and training for all stakeholders to integrate their solutions under ABDM ecosystem.

Both public and private sector IT solutions in health are integrated under ABDM through the sandbox environment to aid creation of EHR across the country.

Government has taken various steps to ensure that the benefits of the Mission reach every citizen. Inclusion is one of the key principles of ABDM. The digital health ecosystem created by ABDM supports continuity of care across primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare in a seamless manner. It aids availability of health care services particularly in remote and rural areas through various technology interventions like telemedicine etc.

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