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**Vikram Sahney, MP raises discrepancies in claims under Ayushman Bharat in Rajya Sabha**

Vikramjit Singh Sahney, MP from Punjab today raised the question regarding claims settlement under Ayushman Bharat Health Scheme to Minister of Health and Family Welfare. He highlighted the gross variation in the data given by Ministry to the Parliament and replied against RTI.

Shri Sahney stated that in a reply under RTI in June 2023 Ministry of Health admitted that 53% and 74% claims are pending for settlement in the year 2022 and 2023 respectively under Ayushman Bharat are pending for settlement whereas in Parliament, Ministry stated that the unsettled claims for these two financial years are only 2.2% and 5.22%.

Shri Sahney stated that we don’t know which data is correct and Ministry of Health should correct the data management and also furnish the correct data of claims filed and settled under Ayushman Bharat claims in the state of Punjab.

Shri Sahney hoped that 50% of the claims are automatically released at the time of claim submission in reality as stated in the reply.

Shri Sahney also stated that there is a serious anomaly in the total beneficiaries of the claims. As per RTI it is 14.85 Lakhs claims during last year and in Parliament reply it is mentioned 1.63 crores.