PM-ABHIM at five: three years of underspending, then a cut in the last year

In this summary: the four findings; provided and spent, year by year; the last year's cut; how the figures were made.

From 2022-23 to 2024-25, the Government spent only 44.2 per cent of the money its own Budget Estimates provided for PM-ABHIM on the mission's centrally sponsored line in the Union Budget: ₹5,120.47 crore out of ₹11,576.84 crore.

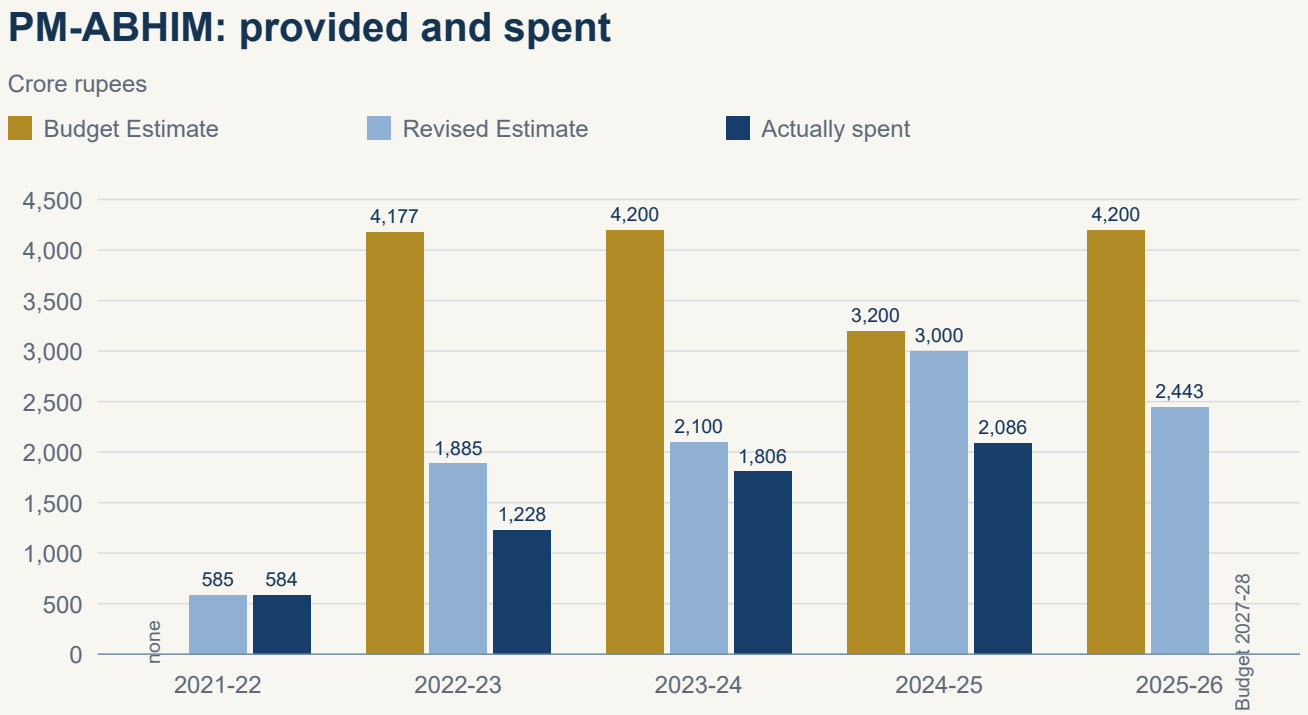
Then, in 2025-26, the last year of the mission's approved five-year period, the Government cut the line's provision from ₹4,200 crore to ₹2,442.50 crore, which is a cut of ₹1,757.50 crore.

Finding	What the record shows
Less than half spent	In the three closed years from 2022-23 to 2024-25, the Budget Estimates on the line added up to ₹11,576.84 crore. Actual spending added up to ₹5,120.47 crore, which is 44.2 per cent, so ₹6,456.37 crore of the money provided was not spent.
A cut in the last year of the approved period	For 2025-26, the last year of the mission's approved period, the Budget Estimate on the line was ₹4,200 crore. The Revised Estimate cut it to ₹2,442.50 crore, which kept only 58.2 per cent of the provision.
Cut each year, and still underspent	In each closed year from 2022-23 to 2024-25, the Revised Estimate was cut below the Budget Estimate. In each of those years the money actually spent was lower still, and it fell short of even the reduced sum.
Parliament's committee	In its report presented on 18 March 2026, Parliament's Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare wrote: "The Committee is displeased to observe the persistent and drastic under-utilization of funds under the PM-ABHIM scheme".

Sources: Read on 22 October 2026. Ministry of Finance, Expenditure Profile, Statement 4A, the PM-ABHIM line, in the Union Budgets of 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27; Rajya Sabha Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare, Report No. 172, presented 18 March 2026.

Provided and spent, year by year

Each year the Union Budget prints three figures for the line. The Budget Estimate is the sum provided when the year begins, and the Revised Estimate is that sum drawn up again near the year's end. The actual is the sum really spent, which the Budget prints two years later.



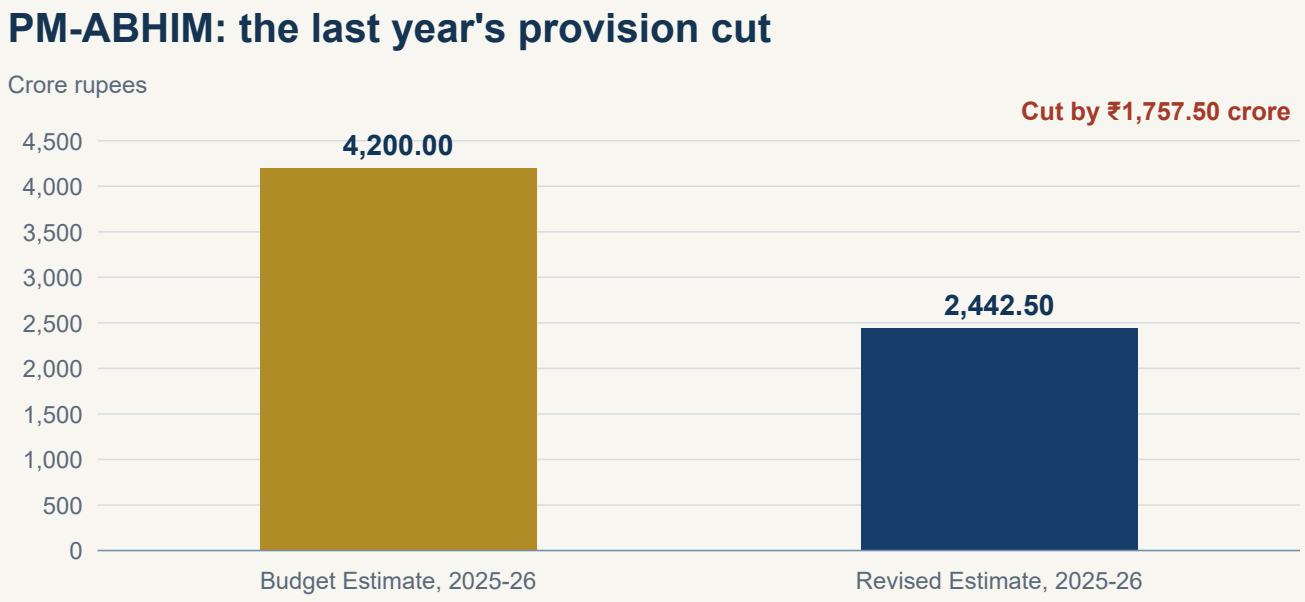
Source: Union Budget, Statement 4A, the PM-ABHIM line; worked out by the office of Shri Ajay Maken.

The gold bars are the Budget Estimates, the light blue bars the Revised Estimates and the dark blue bars the money actually spent. In every year for which an actual is printed, the dark bar is the shortest, so the line spent less than even its reduced provision. The labels on the bars are rounded to the nearest crore, and the table gives each figure as the Budget prints it.

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The last year, 2025-26: the provision cut by ₹1,757.50 crore

2025-26 was the last year of the mission's approved five-year period. The Budget provided ₹4,200 crore on the line, which matched the largest Budget Estimate the line had ever had. The Revised Estimate then cut the provision to ₹2,442.50 crore, so ₹1,757.50 crore was taken out in the last year of the approved period.



Source: Union Budget, Statement 4A, the PM-ABHIM line; worked out by the office of Shri Ajay Maken.

The gold bar is the Budget Estimate for 2025-26, and the blue bar is the Revised Estimate. The Revised Estimate kept 58.2 per cent of the provision, which the committee described as "reduced to about 58% of the allocated BE". The committee called it "the severe reduction" of the Budget Estimate for 2025-26 "from ₹4,200.00 crore to a Revised Estimate of ₹2,442.50 crore".

The Union Budget of 2027-28 will print the line's actual for 2025-26. That figure will be read against the Budget Estimate of ₹4,200 crore that the Government set for the last year of the approved period.

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How the figures were made

Every money figure in this brief comes from the Union Budget's own Statement 4A, which is the Budget's table of centrally sponsored schemes, and from the line it prints for the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PMABHIM).

Each year's Statement 4A prints the actual of two years back, the Budget and Revised Estimates of the year ending, and the Budget Estimate of the year coming. So each figure is taken from the Budget that prints it, and the five Budgets from 2022-23 to 2026-27 together give the line from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

The sums and shares are this brief's own arithmetic on the printed figures. Each share divides an actual by an estimate of the same line and the same year, and it is rounded once to one decimal.

Measure, 2022-23 to 2024-25 together	Figure
Budget Estimates, crore rupees	11,576.84
Revised Estimates, crore rupees	6,985.45
Actually spent, crore rupees	5,120.47
Not spent against the Budget Estimates, crore rupees	6,456.37
Spent, per cent of the Budget Estimates	44.2
Spent, per cent of the Revised Estimates	73.3

Five years after the promise at Varanasi, the Government's own Budget shows less than half of the line's money spent in the closed years, and ₹1,757.50 crore cut from 2025-26, the last year of the approved period.

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