

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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MATERNITY BENEFIT SCHEME

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to enhance the allocation under Maternity Benefits scheme in Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Maternity Benefit Scheme is being implemented under the umbrella of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). The funds for the scheme are being released as part of RCH Flexi- pool. Allocation for RCH Flexi pool for each year is decided through the institutional mechanism of National Programme Coordination Committee (NPCC), after a review of expenditure incurred during the last year and projected demand for the next year.