

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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INDIRA GANDHI MATRITVA SAHAYOG YOJANA
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) The Government is planning to address the nutritional problem in antenatal care and post-natal care of women by introducing Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahayog Yojana (IGMSY).
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide cash incentives to pregnant and lactating mothers under the said scheme ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of funds sanctioned , released and utilised by the State Governments so far under the said scheme, State –wise ;
- (f) whether the child rights activists have opposed the riders to maternity benefit scheme; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMAN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) to (g): The Government has a proposal to implement "Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY)" – a Conditional Maternity Benefit (CMB) scheme with the objective of improving the health and nutrition status of pregnant & lactating women. IGMSY envisages providing cash directly to P&L woman as part compensation for wage loss as maternity benefit to women during pregnancy and lactation period in response to individuals fulfilling specific conditions linked to maternal and child care behaviour and responses. The scheme is proposed to be implemented on a pilot basis, to begin with. The scheme is awaiting approval of the Government.