

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE TO PREGNANT WOMEN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed any plan to provide financial assistance to pregnant and lactating women and children during the current Five Year Plan

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposal; and

(c) the details of the annual expenditure to be incurred and monthly amount proposed and to be provided to a pregnant women and a lactating mother?

Answer

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

(a) to (b) : The Government on 20.10.2010 approved implementation of "Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana(IGMSY)" – a Conditional Maternity Benefit (CMB) scheme in 52 selected districts on a pilot basis, to begin with. The objective of the scheme is to improve the health and nutrition status of pregnant & lactating women.

The Scheme envisages providing cash to P&L women during pregnancy and lactation period in response to their fulfilling specific conditions linked to maternal and child care behaviour. Each of the beneficiaries will be paid Rs. 4000/- in three instalments between the second trimester till the child attains the age of 6 months on fulfilling following specific conditions related to maternal and child health:

Cash Transfer Conditions

Rs. 1500 (at the end of second trimester) i. Registration of pregnancy within 4 months

ii. One ante natal checkup (minimum)

iii. Attending counseling session (minimum one)

Rs. 1500 (three months after delivery) i. Child birth registration

ii. Immunization

iii. Attending growth monitoring and counseling sessions

Rs. 1000 (6 months after delivery) i. Exclusive breastfeeding for 6 months & introduction of complementary feeding (self certification by mother)

ii. Immunization

iii. Attending growth monitoring and counseling sessions.

The amount of cash transfer for pregnant and lactating women will not be on monthly basis but at the interval listed above.

A sum of Rs. 190 crore is allocated for 2010-11 for release to States / UTs.