GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE LOK SABHA

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched Janani Shishu Suraksha Karayakarama (JSSK) to provide free heath facilities to pregnant women and sick new born;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the said scheme alongwith the funds earmarked and allocated for the purpose;
- (c) whether the Government has worked out the financial modalities and operational guidelines for the implementation of the said scheme in consultation with the State Governments;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent by which JSSY is different from the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM)?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a) & (b) Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakaram (JSSK) has been launched on 1st June, 2011. The initiative has been rolled out under the overall umbrella of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) which entitles all pregnant women delivering in public health institutions to absolutely free and no expense delivery, including caesarean section. The entitlements includes free drugs and consumables, free diagnostics, free blood wherever required, and free diet up to 3 days for normal delivery and 7 days for C-section. This initiative also provides for free transport from home to institution, between facilities in case of a referral and drop back home.

Similar entitlements have been put in place for all sick newborns accessing public health institutions for treatment till 30 days after birth.

The scheme has been launched under NRHM where funds are given to the states for drugs, diagnostics, referral transport, blood and also diet as per the proposal reflected by the states in their Project Implementation Plan(PIP) and approved by Government of India after appraisal. Statement showing Funds allocated to the states in their PIP for the year 2011-12 is placed is Annexed.

(c) & (d) Detailed guidelines for implementation of JSSK have been evolved and shared with the States.

The guidelines spell out modalities for implementation of different entitlements i.e. drugs, diagnostics, diet, provision of blood and referral transport besides publicity and grievance redressal systems for smooth implementation of JSSK.

(e) The Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK) initiative has been rolled out under the overall umbrella of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) which aims at reducing maternal and infant mortality. The entitlement for free deliveries and free treatment of sick neonates with us out of pocket expenses under JSSK is a step in the direction of enhancing access to public health facilities and thereby further reducing maternal and infant mortality.