

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

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SCHEME FOR PREGNANT AND LACTATING MOTHERS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has implemented any scheme in selected districts to provide conditional cash assistance to pregnant and lactating mothers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to extend this scheme in all the districts;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be implemented throughout the country?

Answer

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

(a): Yes

(b): Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana(IGMSY) is a Centrally Sponsored Conditional Maternity Benefit Scheme is operational on pilot basis in 52 districts of all States/UTs across the country in October 2010 to improve the health and nutrition status of Pregnant and Lactating women and their young infants. Pregnant & Lactating Women of 19 years of age and above are entitled for benefits for first two live births under the scheme. All Government/PSUs(Central & State) employees are excluded from the scheme. The beneficiaries are paid a total of Rs. 4000/- in three installments to be disbursed from the second trimester till the child attains the age of 6 months subject to fulfilling the specific conditions related to maternal and child health. The Scheme aims to provide partial compensation for the wage loss so that the woman is not under compulsion to work till the last stage of pregnancy and can take adequate rest before and after the delivery. Around 12.5 lakhs pregnant & lactating women are expected to be benefitted under the scheme in selected districts every year. Rs. 117.95 crore was released in 2010-11. In 2011-12, Rs 293.83 crore has been released to the States/UTs for implementation of the scheme.

(c)to(e): The year 2011-12 is the first full year of the implementation of the scheme. The extension of the scheme to all the districts will depend on the evaluation of the current scheme.