

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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MOTHER AND CHILD PROTECTION HEALTH CARD  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government issues a Mother and Child Protection Health Card;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the services provided under the above card;
- (c) the number of such cards issued in the country during the last five years, yearwise and State-wise; and
- (d) the extent to which the issuance of such card becomes helpful in addressing the issues relating to mother and child?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a): The Mother and Child Protection Card developed as a collaborative activity of the Ministry of Women and Child Development and the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has been disseminated to the states.

(b) This card is a tool for ensuring provision of services for maternal and child care.

It also serves as a tool for informing and educating the mother and family on different aspects of maternal and child care and linking maternal and child care into a continuum of care through the Integrated Child Development Services(ICDS) scheme of Ministry of Women and Child Development and the National Rural Health Mission(NRHM) of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW).

(c): Data on the number of MCP cards issued by the States is not captured at National level through Surveys or by the Health Management Information System.

(d): The MCP card helps in timely identification, referral and management of complications during pregnancy, child birth and post natal period. The card also serves as a tool for providing complete immunization to infants and children, early exclusive breast feeding, complementary feeding & monitoring their growth, etc.