

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DELIVERY OF CONTRACEPTIVES TO BENEFICIARIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is utilising ASHAs for delivery of contraceptives to beneficiaries under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM);
- (b) if so, whether there has been an increase in the number of contraceptives sold since the Government started using ASHAs as a delivery mode;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there has been a recorded drop in birth rates in the districts in which the Government has used ASHAs to delivery contraceptives since the start of the initiatives; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the change in contraceptive prevalence rate?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Yes. The Government is utilizing ASHAs for delivery of contraceptives to beneficiaries under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in 233 districts of 17 states. Since the scheme has been launched for the first time, there is no baseline data available to do comparison.

The quantity of the contraceptives utilized so far is as under:

I. Condom - 29529061 pieces

II. Oral contraceptives Pills - 3540789 cycles

III. Emergency Contraceptives Pills - 1188807 tablets

(d) No survey data is available to record the birth rate in the districts after the launch of the scheme.

(e) Does not arise.