

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

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ASSISTANCE TO PREGNANT AND LACTATING MOTHERS

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

- (a) whether the Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY) has successfully addressed the nutritional problem in anti-natal and post-natal care of women in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of the monetary assistance provided to the pregnant and lactating mothers across the country particularly rural and hilly areas, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the said assistance, if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be done; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to enhance the sphere and performance of the scheme in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The nutritional problems in ante-natal care and post-natal care of women are being addressed through the Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY). The scheme is being implemented in 53 pilot districts of the country from October, 2010. The beneficiary coverage has gone up from 259 in 2010-11 to around six lakh in 2013-14, indicating that pregnant and lactating women are availing the health and nutrition services.
- (c): The details of State/UT-wise funds released, utilized under the scheme during the last three years and the current year is Annexed.
- (d): As per the provision of the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013, the Ministry has revised the entitlement of the maternity benefit in the existing IGMSY from Rs.4000 to Rs.6000 per beneficiary with effect from 5th July, 2013.
- (e): The revision and expansion of the IGMSY in accordance with the NFSA, 2013 is under consideration in the Ministry.