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Title: Need to adopt the same welfare schemes as implemented in Tamil Nadu throughout the country and provide financial assistance to such schemes.

SHRIMATI R. VANAROJA (TIRUVANNAMALAI): Respected Deputy Speaker, Sir, I thank you for giving me this opportunity.

The hon. Amma Government in Tamil Nadu has been implementing many popular schemes for the betterment of pregnant women and newborns, such as Amma Master Health Check Up, Amma Woman Special Master Health Check-up, Amma Arogya Scheme, Amma Pregnancy Sanjeevi and Amma Baby Care Kit for newborns. These schemes have benefited lakhs of women across the State. The ayurvedic medicines boosting immunization are being provided to the pregnant women on stage-wise basis and this has helped paving the way for healthy delivery and healthy newborns.

The Amma Baby Kit worth Rs.1,000 is gifted to the newborn and it has 16 items including a towel, dress, bed, protection net, napkin, 100 ml baby oil bottle, 60 ml shampoo, sachet, a soap box, a soap, a nail clipper, toy, *Kilu Kiluppai*, a 250 ml hand wash liquid and a 100 gram soap bar for the mother. The scheme has benefited more than 6.7 lakh children across the State.

Another scheme being implemented by our hon. Amma Govt. is of having rooms in bus terminals across the State with an aim to help lactating mothers, who are travelling, to feed their newborns.

These are all popular schemes introduced by our hon. Amma and several lakhs of women and newborns have been benefited out of it. Therefore, I urge upon the Central Government to introduce these model schemes, which have been introduced in Tamil Nadu by our hon. Amma Government, as national schemes and also provide funds to the State of Tamil Nadu for the said schemes. Thank you.