

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4385
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2019

PRADHAN MANTRI MATRU VANDANA YOJANA

4385. SHRIMATI PRAMILA BISOYI:

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

- (a) the details of schemes being implemented by the Government for pregnant and lactating mothers in the country, State/Union Territory-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is planning to launch a programme covering all the pregnant and lactating mothers in the country without being subjected to fulfillment of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) scheme conditionalities;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the Government is planning to increase the incentives provided to pregnant and lactating women under PMMVY and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a): The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing Centrally Sponsored Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) under which maternity benefits of Rupees Five Thousand is provided in three instalments to Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers (PW&LM) upon fulfilment of certain conditionalities. The eligible beneficiaries are also entitled to receive the cash incentive as per approved norms towards Maternity Benefit under Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) after institutional delivery so that on an average, a woman gets Rupees Six Thousand. Additionally, PW&LM are also entitled for Supplementary Nutrition under Anganwadi Services, which is Centrally Sponsored Scheme under Umbrella Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme. Both the PMMVY and Anganwadi Services Schemes are being implemented across the country.
- (b) & (c): No, Sir. The conditionalities attached with release of instalments of maternity benefits are meant for improving health seeking behaviour amongst PW&LM.
- (d): Presently, no such proposal to increase the maternity benefits provided under PMMVY to PW&LM is under consideration of the Ministry.
