

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3802
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25th MARCH, 2022**

MENSTRUAL HYGIENE SCHEME

3802: SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of **HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- a) Whether the Menstrual Hygiene Scheme is fulfilling its unique objectives of improving access to and use of high quality sanitary napkins by adolescent girls;
- b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT wise along with the funds provided to States/ UTs under National Health Mission as per proposals received from them in their Programme Implementation Plans and for decentralized procurement of sanitary napkin packs for making provision to adolescent girls at subsidized rates;
- c) if not, the reasons therefore;
- d) whether any significant steps are being taken to address anomalies on implementation side and if so the details thereof and if not the reasons therefore; and
- e) the role of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) under the said scheme in Odisha?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (e)

The Scheme for Promotion of Menstrual Hygiene among adolescent girls in the age group of 10-19 years is implemented by the Government since 2011. The major objectives of the scheme are:

- i) To increase awareness among adolescent girls on Menstrual Hygiene.
- ii) To increase access to and use of high quality sanitary napkins by adolescent girls.
- iii) To ensure safe disposal of sanitary napkins in an environmentally friendly manner.

Since 2015-16, the Menstrual Hygiene Scheme is supported by National Health Mission through State Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) route based on the proposals received from the States. States/UTs have decentralized procurement of sanitary napkins for ensuring quality standards. During FY 2021-22 total 2.72 Cr girls were provided with Sanitary napkins till the month of Feb'22 as per the data uploaded by the States/UTs in the HMIS.

The details of the funds provided to the States/UTs are placed at Annexure A

Capacity building of the health functionaries is also supported under NHM to sensitize them towards the scheme and for seamless implementation of the Scheme.

Communication material targeted at adolescent girls, their gatekeepers, influencers and community at large developed by MoHFW, other partner ministries, States, Development Partners and NGOs is in use to create awareness on healthy practices during menstruation and to dispel the myths and misconception around it.

The role of the ASHAs under the Scheme is similar in all States/ UTs. ASHAs hold monthly meetings with the adolescent girls in their area to talk about health issues including menstrual hygiene management. The sanitary napkin packs are provided to the adolescent girls at subsidized rates by the Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs).

State-wise SPIP Approvals for Sanitary napkins procurement under NHM

| S. No. | Name of the States/UTs | SPIP approvals (in Rs Lakhs) for 2020-21 |
|---------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Andaman & Nicobar Isl | - |
| 2 | Andhra Pradesh | 589.35 |
| 3 | Arunachal Pradesh | - |
| 4 | Assam | 165.34 |
| 5 | Bihar | 789.64 |
| 6 | Chandigarh | - |
| 7 | Chhattisgarh | - |
| 8 | Delhi | 182.4 |
| 9 | DNH & DD | - |
| 10 | Goa | - |
| 11 | Gujarat | - |
| 12 | Haryana | - |
| 13 | Himachal Pradesh | 98 |
| 14 | Jammu & Kashmir | 443.44 |
| 15 | Jharkhand | - |
| 16 | Karnataka | - |
| 17 | Kerala | 119.7 |
| 18 | Ladakh | - |
| 19 | Lakshadweep | 7.71 |
| 20 | Madhya Pradesh | - |
| 21 | Maharashtra | 943.97 |
| 22 | Manipur | 114.04 |
| 23 | Meghalaya | - |
| 24 | Mizoram | - |
| 25 | Nagaland | 5.69 |
| 26 | Odisha | 375.41 |
| 27 | Puducherry | 36 |
| 28 | Punjab | 139.65 |
| 29 | Rajasthan | 1,500.00 |
| 30 | Sikkim | - |
| 31 | Tamil Nadu | - |
| 32 | Telangana | - |
| 33 | Tripura | 56 |
| 34 | Uttar Pradesh | - |
| 35 | Uttarakhand | 261.57 |
| 36 | West Bengal | 568.91 |
| | Grand Total | 6,396.82 |

-SPIP stands for State Programme Implementation Plan.

-Expenditure is inclusive of previous year's unspent balance, Central Grant and State share.

-The above figures are as per available Financial Management Reports (FMRs) submitted by the States/UT