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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3610 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH MARCH, 2018

DEFICIENCIES IN IMPLEMENTATION OF JSY

3610. SHRI K.K RAGESH:

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

- (a) whether any deficiencies in the implementation of Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) have been noticed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and details of the concrete steps which are being taken to address such deficiencies, if any; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) to (c): To address the deficiencies identified from time to time regarding implementation of Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY), the Ministry has issued following instructions to State Governments:
 - To ensure fast and seamless flow of funds under JSY from State headquarters to District and further to Block Primary Health Centers (PHCs) and Sub-centre levels and payment of financial assistance before discharge of pregnant women after delivery;
 - Payment of cash assistance under JSY to all beneficiaries directly into their accounts through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT);
 - Public display of names of JSY beneficiaries in health facilities on a monthly basis so as to ensure transparency and check fraudulent payments;
 - Physical verification of beneficiaries by State and District officials in a random manner;
 - To create awareness on JSY, States and UTs have been authorized to utilize upto 5% of JSY budget on administrative expenses including IEC;
 - Setting-up of JSY grievance redressal cells for prompt redressal of grievances.

Further periodic verification of beneficiaries and assessment of the scheme is being done by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare through the Regional Evaluation Teams (RETs) of the Regional Directorates.

Since 2011-12, the Ministry is also getting the annual transaction audit of the National Health Mission (NHM) done through the Comptroller & Auditor General of India (CAG) in all the States in order to facilitate independent monitoring and to take corrective measures.