

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4111
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD APRIL, 2018**

AFFORDABLE SANITARY NAPKINS

4111. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI:

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to tackle the issues of affordability of sanitary napkins;
- (b) whether Government is considering to exempt imposition of Goods and Services Tax (GST) on sanitary napkins; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a): To ensure affordability of Sanitary Napkins, there is provision of providing sanitary napkins to rural adolescent girls @ Re. 1 per napkin under Menstrual Hygiene Scheme
- (b)& (c): As per the inputs received from Ministry of Finance, the Sanitary Napkins attract a concessional 12% GST. At present, there is no proposal to exempt Sanitary Napkins from GST.

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