

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4113
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD APRIL, 2018**

ADOPTION LEVELS OF SANITARY NAPKINS

4113. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that only 12 per cent of India's 355 million women use sanitary napkins;
- (b) if so, whether Government has identified the reasons behind this;
- (c) the number of States and districts covered under the Promotion of Menstrual Hygiene for Adolescent Girls Scheme in the last three years; and
- (d) whether Government has a mechanism to assess the trend in adoption levels of sanitary napkins under the scheme and if so, the details thereof?

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

- (a): As per National Family Health Survey 4 (2015-16) in India, 41.8 percent women age 15-24 years use sanitary napkins.
- (b) & (c): Various reasons identified in different studies conducted over the last few years are lack of awareness, non-availability and cost of napkins.

Financial Year	States Covered	District Covered
2015-16	14	112
2016-17	17	204
2017-18	17	204

- (d): To assess the trend in adoption levels of sanitary napkins monitoring of Menstrual Hygiene Scheme is done at State and National level on a regular basis.

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