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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3158
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD MARCH, 2021

DECLINE IN MATERNITY SERVICES DURING LOCKDOWN

3158 # SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that maternity services and number of newborns have seen a decline during the lockdown imposed in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the efforts made to ensure health services during lockdown?

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

(a) to (c): All services including maternity and new born continued to be provided during the COVID pandemic period as well.

The details of maternity services and percentage of live births reported in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic from April 2020 till January 2021, in comparison to the same period last year from April 2019 to January 2020 is placed in annexure.

Keeping in view the importance of continuous delivery of health services including maternal health, child health etc., regular monitoring and video conference were held with state /UTs highlighting the necessity of continued services during COVID times.

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has issued 'Guidance Note on provision of Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child , Adolescent Health plus Nutrition(RMNCHA+N) Services during & post COVID-19 pandemic' and 'Enabling Delivery of Essential Health Services during COVID-19 Outbreak' on 14th April ,2020 and 24th May 2020 respectively to the states and Union Territories for ensuring the delivery of service provision.

Annexure

Health Management Information System (HMIS)		
	April 2019- January 2020	**April 2020 - January 2021**
% 1st Trimester registration to Total ANC Registrations	71.35%	73.08%
% Pregnant Woman received 4 ANC checkups to Total ANC Registrations	79.63%	78.7%
% Institutional Deliveries to total ANC registration	94.4%	94.6%
Percentage of Live Births Reported to total deliveries	99.4%	100%

Source: HMIS.