

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1539
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th DECEMBER, 2022**

INSPECTION OF SANITARY PRODUCTS

1539: SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has formulated any mechanism of routine inspection of sanitary products before their release into the market;
- (b) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to inspect sanitary pads sold in the market;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (d): The Scheme for Promotion of Menstrual Hygiene is implemented by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare since 2011 to promote Menstrual Hygiene among adolescent girls in the age group of 10-19 years as a component of Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram, with objective to increase awareness among adolescent girls on menstrual hygiene, increase access to and use of high quality sanitary napkins by adolescent girls and to ensure safe disposal of sanitary napkins in an environmentally friendly manner.

Based on proposals received from the States in their Programme Implementation Plans, funds are approved for decentralized procurement of sanitary napkin packs, for safe storage and disposal and for training of ASHA, AWW and nodal teachers.

As per the information available, Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS) under Department of Consumer Affairs has published the Indian Standards on sanitary napkins. The standardization in the field of Menstrual Products (sanitary pad) is taken by Technical Textiles for Medtech Applications Sectional Committee.
