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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2336
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST MARCH 2023**

EFFECTIVENESS OF MENSTRUAL HYGIENE SCHEME

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

- (a) the details of the funds allocated and released for the menstrual hygiene scheme since 2019, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the details of studies conducted by the Department of Health Research into the newer methods of managing menstrual health and other sustainable alternatives to sanitary napkins since 2019; and
- (c) the number of adolescent girls who have been benefitted under the Scheme since 2019 , year-wise and State-wise?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
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- (a) The details are placed at **Annexure 'A'**
- (b) A recent study from ICMR has examined the user experience with menstrual cups, which are a sustainable alternative to sanitary pads. According to the study, menstrual cup is an effective and convenient sanitary product that has the potential to be used as an alternative method. However, it requires more awareness and promotion for wider adoption by

leveraging existing platforms. The study also recommended that future research should focus on the socio-cultural aspects of menstrual cup acceptance in rural India.

(c) State/ UT wise number of beneficiaries under the Menstrual Hygiene Schemes since 2019 is placed at **Annexure 'B'**

Annexure A

**Details of SPIP Approvals and Expenditure under Menstrual Hygiene Scheme during the period from F.Y.
2019-20 to 2021-22**

(Rs. In lakhs)

State	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	
	SPIP Approvals	Expenditure	SPIP Approvals	Expenditure	SPIP* Approvals	Expenditure
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Andhra Pradesh	0.00	407.81	589.35	679.35	2977.47	2623.82
Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Assam	288.62	0.00	165.34	0.00	601.80	0.00
Bihar	957.60	0.61	789.64	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chandigarh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chhattisgarh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	303.48	303.49
Dadra & Nagar Haveli Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.04	0.00
Delhi	97.96	42.70	182.40	0.00	188.20	0.00
Goa	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.30	5.34
Gujarat	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	327.37	96.21
Haryana	0.00	0.00	0.00	574.87	297.60	308.29
Himachal Pradesh	385.17	464.69	98.00	275.52	99.45	0.00
Jammu & Kashmir	102.72	109.99	443.44	203.15	123.47	11.49
Jharkhand	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	702.37	716.30
Karnataka	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	370.39	0.00
Kerala	119.70	0.00	119.70	133.10	230.33	26.45
Ladakh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.80	26.25
Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	7.71	0.00	10.42	0.00
Madhya Pradesh	107.25	23.33	0.00	0.00	969.44	333.77
Maharashtra	100.00	414.24	943.97	0.00	0.00	1460.21
Manipur	116.20	116.20	114.04	0.00	116.24	0.37
Meghalaya	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62.92	82.23
Mizoram	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	92.64	0.00
Nagaland	0.00	0.00	5.69	0.00	27.48	125.55
Orissa	382.23	778.08	375.41	1024.80	1919.83	1457.87
Puducherry	36.00	0.00	36.00	0.00	51.83	6.91
Punjab	0.00	77.66	139.65	106.97	1218.21	19.27
Rajasthan	3000.00	1494.81	1500.00	1500.00	2082.35	511.72
Sikkim	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.51	4.21
Tamil Nadu	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	186.00	0.45
Telangana	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	463.24	693.20
Tripura	0.00	4.99	56.00	0.00	99.15	189.72
Uttar Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5226.92	0.00
Uttarakhand	134.06	0.00	261.57	0.77	152.93	117.91
West Bengal	756.65	0.00	568.91	813.28	1660.68	961.14

Note:

1. The above data is as per the available Financial Management Reports reported by State/UTs.
2. Expenditure includes central release, state release & unspent balances at the beginning of the year
3. * In the year 2021-22 separate FMR for Menstrual Hygiene was not captured, hence SPIP Approvals and Expenditure under procurement of Drugs and Supplies for Adolescent Health is provided
4. After the re-organization of the State of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) into the Union Territory of J&K and Union Territory of Ladakh, NHM funds to the UT of Ladakh were disbursed for the first time during 2020-21.

Annexure B

**State wise and year wise number of total number of adolescent girls (10-19years)
provided with Sanitary Napkins under the Menstrual Hygiene Schemes**

Sr. No	State/ UT	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
1	Andaman & Nicobar Isl	21	0	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	132535	878475	11680448
3	Arunachal Pradesh	14	0	0
4	Assam	232755	20465	29867
5	Bihar	10242	152	0
6	Chandigarh	0	0	0
7	Chhattisgarh	0	148	0
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	184719	0	4920
	Daman & Diu			
9	Delhi	260526	1067	0
10	Goa	0	0	0
11	Gujarat	37946	23048	96685
12	Haryana	0	234548	1388757
13	Himachal Pradesh	1171903	2968367	1508814
14	Jammu and Kashmir	132793	353858	206740
15	Jharkhand	4021	395291	170303
16	Karnataka	5675344	1282629	245739
17	Kerala	24054	640	323
18	Ladakh	0	0	0
19	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	106129	172075	21501
21	Maharashtra	2808112	2889292	1025417
22	Manipur	0	0	1772
23	Meghalaya	0	0	20
24	Mizoram	470	0	854
25	Nagaland	215	0	600
26	Odisha	7644152	5844591	5827548
27	Puducherry	0	0	0
28	Punjab	1629739	373245	158558
29	Rajasthan	9527	2186	314
30	Sikkim	0	0	2
31	Tamil Nadu	15205511	13436774	14878335
32	Telangana	3860	0	113
33	Tripura	43935	2637	287131
34	Uttarakhand	160949	31539	473320
35	Uttar Pradesh	1856623	237964	567516
36	West Bengal	2553337	3628466	3329204

Source : HMIS