

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 219
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023

PRADHAN MANTRI MATRU VANDANA YOJANA

219. DR. SIKANDER KUMAR:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of incentives provided to pregnant women under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY);
- (b) the details of free health services and medical check-up which pregnant women can avail under PMMVY; and
- (c) the number of women who have benefitted under the PMMVY schemes in Himachal Pradesh; district-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (c) of the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 219 for answer on 09.08.2023 raised by Dr. Sikander Kumar regarding Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana

(a) to (c) The Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) is a Centrally Sponsored Maternity Benefits Scheme, under which a cash incentive of ₹5,000/- is provided directly to the Bank/Post Office account of each eligible beneficiary, in Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode for first child. The eligible beneficiaries receive the remaining cash incentive, as per approved norms, towards maternity benefit under Janani Suraksha Yojana after institutional delivery, so that on an average a woman gets ₹6,000/- for her first child.

Under Mission Shakti, a cash incentive of ₹6,000/- is also provided under PMMVY to eligible beneficiaries for second child subject to the second child being a girl.

The objectives of the PMMVY is to provide a cash incentive as a partial compensation for the wage loss that a woman endures during her pregnancy, and also so that she can take adequate rest before, during and after delivery of the first child; The scheme also seeks to improve health seeking behaviour amongst pregnant women and lactating mothers, and to promote positive behavioural change towards the girl-child by providing additional cash incentive for the second child, if she is a girl.

Apart from PMMVY, various schemes run by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for pregnant women, under which they can avail free health services and medical check-ups are as follows:

- **Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan (SUMAN)** provides assured, dignified, respectful and quality healthcare at no cost and zero tolerance for denial of services for every woman and newborn visiting public health facilities to end all preventable maternal and newborn deaths.
- **Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY)**, a demand promotion and conditional cash transfer scheme for promoting institutional delivery.
- Under **Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK)**, every pregnant woman is entitled to free delivery, including caesarean section, in public health institutions along with the provision of free transport, diagnostics, medicines, blood, other consumables & diet.
- **Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA)** provides pregnant women a fixed day, free of cost assured and quality Antenatal Check up (ANC) by a Specialist/Medical Officer on the 9th day of every month.
- **Extended PMSMA** strategy was launched to ensure quality ANC to pregnant women, especially to high-risk pregnancy (HRP) women and individual HRP tracking till a safe delivery is achieved, by means of financial incentivization for the identified high risk pregnant women and accompanying ASHA for extra 3 visits over and above the PMSMA visit.

Under PMMVY, maternity benefits of more than Rs. 13,788 crore (includes Central and State share) have been disbursed to more than 3.06 crore beneficiaries since inception of the scheme and till 24.07.2023. The district-wise, details of number of beneficiaries provided maternity benefits under PMMVY since inception of the scheme and till 06.08.2023 in Himachal Pradesh is as under:

Name of the District	Number of Beneficiaries provided Maternity Benefits
BILASPUR	14,325
CHAMBA	19,483
HAMIRPUR	17,039
KANGRA	58,732
KINNAUR	2,061
KULLU	14,516
LAHUL AND SPITI	544
MANDI	37,123
SHIMLA	23,780
SIRMAUR	18,867
SOLAN	20,293
UNA	20,541
