

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2187  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8.8.2023**

**“MENSTRUAL HYGIENE SCHEMES”**

**2187: SHRI SUJEET KUMAR**

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

- (a) whether government has boosted the distribution of sanitary napkins in rural areas in the post -COVID scenario;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;
- (c) the manner with which Government plans to ensure that Menstrual Hygiene Scheme (MHS) does not suffer from the limitations of gaps in distribution, irregular supply and lack of awareness;
- (d) the details of monetary spending under the MHS for the year 2023-24; and
- (e) the details of beneficiaries under the scheme, State-wise

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

- (a) & (b) During the Covid-19 pandemic the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare directed all the States/ UTs to ensure uninterrupted supply of Sanitary Napkins to Adolescent Girls under the Menstrual Hygiene Scheme (MHS) through ASHAs. Under the scheme, 3.27 Cr. adolescent girls were provided sanitary napkin packs during FY 2020-21. There has been a constant increase in the number of beneficiaries under the MHS , with 5.4 Cr. adolescent girls receiving the napkin packs in FY 2022-23. The District wise details are not maintained at the National level.
- (c) Since 2015-16, the Menstrual Hygiene Scheme is supported by National Health Mission through State Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) route based on the proposals received from the States. The States have been instructed to take up procurement of sanitary napkins packs at prices reached through competitive bidding. Health being a State subject the ultimate responsibility of the implementation lies with the States. The scheme is reviewed

along with the other programmes and schemes under National Health Mission by the Common Review Mission teams which visit the selected States/ UTs annually.

Communication material targeted at adolescent girls, their guardians, influencers and community at large developed by MoHFW, other partner ministries, States, Development Partners and NGOs are in use to create awareness on healthy practices during menstruation and to dispel the myths and misconception around it.

(d) and (e) The details of the monetary spending and details of beneficiaries under MHS for FY 2023-24 are placed at 'Annexure A and B' respectively.

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**Annexure A****Statement showing State/UT-wise Expenditure towards Menstrual Hygiene Scheme under National Health Mission for the FY 2023-24 (Rs. In lakhs)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	-
2	Andhra Pradesh	-
3	Arunachal Pradesh	-
4	Assam	-
5	Bihar	-
6	Chandigarh	-
7	Chhattisgarh	-
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	-
9	Delhi	2.95
10	Goa	-
11	Gujarat	1.25
12	Haryana	-
13	Himachal Pradesh	0.23
14	Jammu and Kashmir	-
15	Jharkhand	-
16	Karnataka	-
17	Kerala	-
18	Ladakh	-
19	Lakshadweep	-
20	Madhya Pradesh	-
21	Maharashtra	64.00
22	Manipur	2.48
23	Meghalaya	-
24	Mizoram	-
25	Nagaland	0.99
26	Odisha	0.73
27	Puducherry	-
28	Punjab	-
29	Rajasthan	-
30	Sikkim	0.19
31	Tamil Nadu	-
32	Telangana	-
33	Tripura	-
34	Uttar Pradesh	-
35	Uttarakhand	-
36	West Bengal	204.05

Note:

1. The above data is as per the available Financial Management Reports reported by State/UTs and are provisional.
2. The above expenditure is updated up-to 31-05-2023 except Punjab and Ladakh.

**Annexure B****State/ UT wise total number of adolescent girls (10-19years) provided with Sanitary Napkins under the Menstrual Hygiene Schemes**

<b>Sr. No</b>	<b>State/ UT</b>	<b>2023-24 (Apr '23 to June '23)</b>
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	6
2	Andhra Pradesh	118990
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1996
4	Assam	26267
5	Bihar	2441
6	Chandigarh	0
7	Chhattisgarh	5081
8	Delhi	24
9	Goa	507
10	Gujarat	53418
11	Haryana	143924
12	Himachal Pradesh	546
13	Jammu and Kashmir	68074
14	Jharkhand	3346
15	Karnataka	3781
16	Kerala	124
17	Ladakh	4981
18	Lakshadweep	0
19	Madhya Pradesh	23369
20	Maharashtra	430864
21	Manipur	2597
22	Meghalaya	512
23	Mizoram	345
24	Nagaland	6288
25	Odisha	225588
26	Puducherry	125
27	Punjab	976
28	Rajasthan	0
29	Sikkim	256
30	Tamil Nadu	1060617
31	Telangana	2029
32	The Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	10179
33	Tripura	2755
34	Uttar Pradesh	26639
35	Uttarakhand	22618
36	West Bengal	2503246

Note : The data is provisional as new HMIS formats have been launched only in April 2023. The States/ UTs are still conducting trainings on the new formats. The data entry for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter is still under process as the provision of online data entry was provided to States late and the data is yet not frozen. The data for Rajasthan is not available as the API of Rajasthan is yet not ready from the State's side. The data is for both NHM & State funded Menstrual Hygiene Schemes.