

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

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 179
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16TH DECEMBER, 2025**

MENSTRUAL HYGIENE SCHEME

179 SMT. RAJATHI :

Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds allocated and released for the Menstrual Hygiene Scheme in the last five years, State-wise; and
- (b) the details of the Menstrual Hygiene Scheme in Tamil Nadu, including Sanitary Napkin procurement, distribution and the reach of Jan Aushadhi Suvidha Pads?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

- (a) & (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA
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(a) The details of funds approved and released for Menstrual Hygiene Scheme under National Health Mission (NHM), State/UT-wise, for the last five years are placed at **Annexure A**.

(b) Public health is a State subject. However, the Government of India implements the Menstrual Hygiene Scheme under the National Health Mission, for adolescent girls aged 10–19 years. Central Government supports the States/UTs under the National Health Mission based on proposals made by them in their State Programme Implementation Plans (SIPs).

The major objectives of the scheme are:

- To increase awareness among adolescent girls on Menstrual Hygiene.
- To increase access to and use of high quality sanitary napkins to adolescent girls.
- To ensure safe disposal of Sanitary Napkins in an environmentally friendly manner.

Other initiatives to promote availability of menstrual hygiene products include the Jan Aushadhi Suvidha napkins, which are made available at Rs.1/- per pad only. These Suvidha Oxo-biodegradable sanitary napkins are available for sale in more than 16000 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) Kendras across the country.

The State Government of Tamil Nadu promotes access to safe menstrual hygiene products to adolescent girls, postnatal mothers, women prisoners, women in-patients in Government Hospitals, and women residing in mental health institutions by providing them biodegradable sanitary napkins (Pudu Yugam Pads).

The procurement process for the State of Tamil Nadu is carried out by the Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation Limited (TNMSC) as per Tamil Nadu Financial Codal Procedures.

As per the distribution details provide by the State of Tamil Nadu, the programme has reached 43.34 lakh adolescent girls, 73.31 lakh women in government hospital in-patient wards, 5.07 lakh post-natal mothers , 3,000 women prisoners and 100 women residing in mental health institutions.

Annexure A**State/UT-wise State Programme Implementation Plans (SPIP) Approval for Menstrual Hygiene Scheme under National Health Mission for FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25 (in Rs Lakhs)**

S. No.	States/UTs	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
1	Andhra Pradesh	589.4	2977.5	2,009.1	2,009.1	4,382.0
2	Assam	165.3	601.8	274.0	274.0	439.3
3	Bihar*	789.6	0.0	106.5	0.0	14.0
4	DNH-DD*	0.0	5.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
5	Delhi	182.4	188.2	348.3	331.1	323.4
6	Goa*	0.0	15.3	6.0	6.3	14.5
7	Gujarat*	0.0	327.4	50.0	50.0	11296.6
8	Himachal Pradesh	98.0	99.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
9	Jammu and Kashmir	443.4	123.5	463.7	628.7	655.3
10	Jharkhand*	0.0	702.4	0.0	0.0	9.7
11	Karnataka*	0.0	370.4	20.2	0.0	0.0
12	Kerala	119.7	230.3	195.3	119.7	200.0
13	Ladakh*	0.0	42.8	0.0	0.0	36.8
14	Lakshadweep	7.7	10.4	8.6	9.1	9.8
15	Madhya Pradesh*	0.0	969.4	91.4	115.0	282.0
16	Maharashtra	944.0	0.0	2092.0	2411.3	1461
17	Manipur	114.0	116.2	116.8	114.8	88.0
18	Meghalaya*	0.0	62.9	2.0	0.0	3.9
19	Nagaland	5.7	27.5	22.2	55.3	44.6
20	Odisha	375.4	1919.8	791.7	791.7	30.4
21	Puducherry	36.0	51.8	36.0	36.0	90.6
22	Punjab	139.7	1218.2	1181.7	1181.7	1172.1
23	Sikkim*	0.0	4.5	40.1	40.1	1.5
24	Tamil Nadu*	0.0	186.0	4588.5	4588.5	4577.0
25	Telangana*	0.0	463.2	3032.2	1859.5	1584.0
26	Tripura	56.0	99.1	112.7	137.5	262.5
27	Uttarakhand	261.6	152.9	147.7	4.0	319.5
28	West Bengal	568.9	1660.7	3892.5	7694.9	5094.0

As per DoE OM dated 23.12.2021 all pools and programs have been merged under “Flexible Pool for RCH & Health System Strengthening, National Health Programme and Urban Health Mission” from the FY 2022-23 onwards.

Under National Health Mission (NHM), funds are released to States/UTs under flexible pools on a lump sum basis to provide greater flexibility to States to utilize the funds as per their felt need and priorities.

*Details of funding provided are as per proposals made by the State/UT in their annual PIP (Public health being a State subject)

Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Mizoram, Rajasthan , Uttar Pradesh implement their own free/subsidized sanitary napkins schemes complementing NHM support.