

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3560
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH MARCH, 2018**

FREE NAPKINS UNDER MHS

3560. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the number of beneficiaries of free napkins under the Menstrual Hygiene Scheme (MHS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Statewise;
- (c) whether there has been a supply problem in the distribution of free napkins; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to deal with the said problem?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

- (a): As per information received from States, the number of rural adolescent girls benefited under menstrual health scheme stands at 33.35 lakh across 17 States. These are provided to the adolescent girls @ Rs. 6 for a pack of 6 napkins by the Accredited Social health Activist (ASHA).
- (b): The state-wise number of beneficiaries under this scheme are annexed.
- (c) & (d): No such issues have been reported by the States/UTs.

ANNEXUREBeneficiaries under Menstrual Hygiene Scheme
2017-18

S. No.	State	No. of beneficiaries
1	Andhra Pradesh	316457
2	Assam	212250
3	Haryana	210774
4	Himachal Pradesh	220000
5	Odisha	65500
6	Telangana	223000
7	Tripura	28599
8	Gujarat	280400
9	Kerala	52000
10	Lakshdweep	5000
11	Maharashtra	600000
12	Jammu & Kashmir	92500
13	Mizoram	4200
14	Punjab	182200
15	Bihar	130370
16	Uttarakhand	19667
17	West Bengal	692000
Total		3334917