

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3927
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH AUGUST, 2018**

SAFE DISPOSAL OF SANITARY NAPKINS

3927. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

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

- (a) whether there is need to balance the use of sanitary napkins for proper menstrual hygiene and its proper disposal to prevent environmental issues and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Swachhta Pakhwada initiative has contributed to creating awareness about menstrual hygiene and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government under Swachhta Pakhwada to create awareness about proper disposal of sanitary napkins?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a): There is need to ensure proper disposal of sanitary napkins to prevent environmental issues. According to the Menstrual Hygiene Management National Guidelines issued by Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, safe disposal means ensuring that the process of destruction of used and soiled materials is done without human contact and with minimal environmental pollution.

(b) & (c): Swachhata Pakhwada initiative has contributed in creating awareness on menstrual hygiene as well as proper disposal of used sanitary napkins. As per information provided by Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation based on the Swachhata Samiksha Portal following activities have taken place:

1. Suraksha (Sanitary Napkins burning machines) installed in 15 colleges and schools.
2. Installation of sanitary napkins vending machines in office toilets.
3. Workshops on Menstrual Hygiene Management organised at School level.
4. Sanitary Napkins distributed to promote safe menstrual hygiene management
5. Training session on low cost sanitary pad manufacturing.
6. Awareness drive for menstrual hygiene for women at community level.

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