

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4346
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH JULY, 2019**

HEALTH SCHEMES FOR WOMEN

4346. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

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

(a) whether the Government has taken note of rural women getting affected by various diseases due to ill health, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the schemes being implemented for improving the health of rural women?

ANSWER

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

(a)&(b): Yes. Government of India has launched several programmes to address issues concerning health & wellbeing of women residing in rural areas these includes:

1. To tackle the challenge of Non Communicable Disease (NCD) among people, including rural women, National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) is being implemented under National Health Mission (NHM), the objectives of which include awareness generation on NCD prevention, screening, early detection and referral to an appropriate level institution for treatment. For Cancer, the focus is on three cancers namely breast, cervical and oral. Also, population level initiatives for prevention, control and screening for common NCDs (diabetes, hypertension and common cancers viz. oral, breast and cervical) has been rolled out under the National Health Mission (NHM) in over 215 districts. Screening of common NCDs including three common cancers i.e. oral, breasts and cervical is also an integral part of service delivery under Ayushman Bharat – Health and Wellness Centers.
2. For the prevention of anaemia among women, Iron and folic acid (IFA) supplementation has been promoted under Anaemia Mukta Bharat (AMB).
3. Several interventions have been taken to improve the health & well being of pregnant women which include:-
 - Janani Suraksha Yojana is a conditional cash assistance scheme to encourage institutional deliveries.

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- Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram is implemented in order to reduce out of pocket expenditure for pregnant women and sick neonates.
- Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) was launched in 2016 to provide fixed-day, assured, comprehensive and quality antenatal care universally to all pregnant women on the 9th of every month.
- LaQshya programme was launched in December 2017 to improve the quality of care in Labour room and Maternity operation theatres to ensure that pregnant women receive respectful and quality care during delivery and immediate post-partum.
- FRUs have been operationalized across the nation to provide comprehensive emergency obstetric and new-born care services including caesarean section and blood transfusion services.

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