

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 4133
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2023

FUNDS UNDER MENSTRUAL HYGIENE SCHEME

4133. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of girl students who do not have access to sanitary napkins based on rural and urban areas classification, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has established any accountability mechanism under Menstrual Hygiene Scheme to keep track of the funds disbursed to the States thereunder, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether the Government proposes to establish accountability mechanism for the funds disbursed by the centre to the States under this scheme;
- (d) if so, the details of such mechanism along with the timeline for its implementation and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has the data regarding the funds disbursed under the scheme, along with the number of sanitary napkins procured and distributed, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare implements the Scheme for Promotion of Menstrual Hygiene among adolescent girls in the age group of 10-19 years since 2011. 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 by adolescent girls and to ensure safe disposal of sanitary napkins in an environmentally friendly manner.

Further, since 2015-16, the Menstrual Hygiene Scheme is supported by 'National Health Mission' (NHM) 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 napkin packs at prices reached through competitive bidding. Currently, 26 States/ UTs implement the scheme either with NHM budget or combined budget of NHM and the State. In the year 2021-22, approximately 34.92 lakh adolescent girls were provided sanitary napkin packs every month as per 'Health Management Information System' (HMIS) data.

The Government has also taken initiatives to improve the accessibility of sanitary napkins and good quality medicines at affordable price. The Department of Pharmaceuticals under Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers implements the Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janausadhi Pariyojna (PMBJP), which is an important step in ensuring the health security for women. Under the project, over 8800 Janaushidhi Kendras have been set up across the country that provide Oxo-biodegradable sanitary napkins named 'Suvidha' at Rs. 1/- per pad only.

The positive results of the initiatives taken by the government are reflected in the report of National Family Health Survey 5 (NFHS 5), which shows that percentage of women aged 15-24 years using hygienic method of protection during their menstrual period has increased from 58 % in NFHS 4 (2015-16) to 78 % in NFHS 5 (2019-21). Similarly, the usage of Sanitary Napkins has also increased from 42% to 64%.

(e): Details of State Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) approved under Menstrual Hygiene Scheme and State-wise number of adolescent girls (10-19 years) provided with Sanitary Napkins under the Menstrual Hygiene Scheme during F.Y. 2021-22 are at Annexure-A & Annexure-B respectively.

(f): Does not arise.

Annexure-A**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (e) OF THE LOK SABHA UN- STARRED QUESTION NO.4133 FOR ANSWER ON 24.03.2023 ASKED BY SHRI JAYADEV GALLA REGARDING 'FUNDS UNDER MENSTRUAL HYGIENE SCHEME'**

Details of State Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) approved under Menstrual Hygiene Scheme during the F.Y. 2021-2022.

(Rs. in lakhs)

State	SPIP** Approvals
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.00
Andhra Pradesh	2977.47
Arunachal Pradesh	0.00
Assam	601.80
Bihar	0.00
Chandigarh	0.00
Chhattisgarh	303.48
Dadra & Nagar Haveli Daman & Diu	5.04
Delhi	188.20
Goa	15.30
Gujarat	327.37
Haryana	297.60
Himachal Pradesh	99.45
Jammu & Kashmir	123.47
Jharkhand	702.37
Karnataka	370.39
Kerala	230.33
Ladakh	42.80
Lakshadweep	10.42
Madhya Pradesh	969.44
Maharashtra	0.00
Manipur	116.24
Meghalaya	62.92
Mizoram	92.64
Nagaland	27.48
Orissa	1919.83
Puducherry	51.83
Punjab	1218.21
Rajasthan	2082.35
Sikkim	4.51
Tamil Nadu	186.00
Telangana	463.24
Tripura	99.15
Uttar Pradesh	5226.92
Uttarakhand	152.93
West Bengal	1660.68

Note:

1. The above data is as per the available Financial Management Reports reported by State/ UTs.
2. ** In the year 2021-22 separate FMR for Menstrual Hygiene was not captured, hence SPIP Approvals and Expenditure under procurement of Drugs and Supplies for Adolescent Health is provided.
3. PIP-Programme Implementation Plans.

Annexure-B

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (e) OF THE LOK SABHA UN-STARRED QUESTION NO.4133 FOR ANSWER ON 24.03.2023 ASKED BY SHRI JAYADEV GALLA REGARDING 'FUNDS UNDER MENSTRUAL HYGIENE SCHEME'

State-wise number of adolescent girls (10-19 years) provided with Sanitary Napkins under the Menstrual Hygiene Schemes during F.Y. 2021-22

Sr. No	State/ UT	2021-22
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	11680448
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0
4	Assam	29867
5	Bihar	0
6	Chandigarh	0
7	Chhattisgarh	0
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	4920
	Daman & Diu	
9	Delhi	0
10	Goa	0
11	Gujarat	96685
12	Haryana	1388757
13	Himachal Pradesh	1508814
14	Jammu and Kashmir	206740
15	Jharkhand	170303
16	Karnataka	245739
17	Kerala	323
18	Ladakh	0
19	Lakshadweep	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	21501
21	Maharashtra	1025417
22	Manipur	1772
23	Meghalaya	20
24	Mizoram	854
25	Nagaland	600
26	Odisha	5827548
27	Puducherry	0
28	Punjab	158558
29	Rajasthan	314
30	Sikkim	2
31	Tamil Nadu	14878335
32	Telangana	113
33	Tripura	287131
34	Uttarakhand	473320
35	Uttar Pradesh	567516
36	West Bengal	3329204
