

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS**

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3877
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11th August, 2023

Suvidha Sarthi Scheme

**3877. SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):**

Will the Minister of **CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing the Suvidha Sarthi Scheme in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the progress made by the scheme so far;
- (b) the number of sponsors roped in by the Government in the form of NGOs, philanthropists, public representatives, CPSEs etc. to provide the Suvidha sanitary napkins for school girls, along with the number of such donors registered, Statewise;
- (c) the number of schools registered under the said scheme, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has provided any incentives to donors for their contribution under the said scheme and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the estimated revenue earned by the manufacturers and Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices Bureau of India under the said scheme so far?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)**

(a) to (e): Oxy-biodegradable sanitary napkins are being made available at affordable price of Rs. 1 per pad as part of the product basket under the *Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana* (PMBJP). Till July, 2023, more than 40 crore napkins have been sold under the scheme. A proposal to expand the availability of these sanitary napkins by involving donors has been developed and preparatory work commenced. No separate scheme is launched.
