

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 52
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02/02/2024

WOMEN SUFFERING FROM PCOD

52. SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

- (a) the details regarding the number of women suffering from Polycystic Ovarian Disease (PCOD), endometriosis and dysmenorrhoea in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has any survey across the country to study the impact of period pain on school girls and women in the workplace and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the number of girls and women who have experienced severe period pain in the country; and
- (d) whether the Government has considered the prospect of providing menstrual leaves for women in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare implements the 'Scheme for Promotion of Menstrual Hygiene' under Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK) to reach out all adolescents girls in the age group of 10-19 years. The 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.

Under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), Government has launched Jan Aushadhi Suvidha Sanitary Napkins at Rs. 1/- per pad for women to ensure easy availability of the menstrual health services at affordable prices.

Data relating to the numbers of women suffering from Polycystic Ovarian Disease (PCOD), endometriosis and dysmenorrhea are not centrally maintained.
