

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1900  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019**

**PARENTAL LEAVE TO SINGLE FATHER**

**1900. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to provide all facilities and amenities linked to 'parental leave' to single father on the lines of maternity leave to mothers, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is likely to provide all monetary benefits to single father which is prevalent in the countries like Australia, Iceland, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this would lead to gender equality for working fathers in India, if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether there is any welfare scheme which covers the working single father; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and allocation of funds thereunder during 2019- 2020?

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

- (a): There is no such proposal for providing facilities and amenities linked to 'parental leave' to single father on the lines of maternity leave to mothers.
- (b) & (c): There is no such proposal for providing monetary benefits to single father which is prevalent in the countries like Australia, Iceland, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden.
- (d) & (e): There is no such welfare scheme.

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