

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4031
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2021**

IMPLEMENTATION OF JSSK SCHEME

4031. SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR:

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

(a) the details of the measures taken/being taken by the Government to address the unavailability of free entitlements for pregnant women and sick new-born/ infants under the Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakaram (JSSK) Scheme, in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any alternatives/guidelines put in place or proposed/issued under the JSSK Scheme to provide essential care to the mother and her neonate, in the absence of easy access to institutional deliveries, in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government to ensure the eligible beneficiaries receive the benefits of the JSSK Scheme?

ANSWER

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

(a): The entitlements under Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram continue to be provided free of cost to all the pregnant women and sick new borns/ Infants who were accessing the public health facilities during the ongoing COVID -19 pandemic as well.

(b) & (c): Keeping in view the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the need for continuous availability of health care services, the Ministry has issued the following Guidance Notes to facilitate the states as follows:-

- i) Enabling delivery of essential health services during COVID -19 outbreak” dated 14th April 2020
- ii) Guidance Note on “Provision of Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health Plus Nutrition (RMNCAH+N) services during & post COVID-19 Pandemic” dated 26th May 2020.

It has been stated therein that under no circumstances should there be a denial of essential services to women, newborn, children and critical services for women, children and adolescent.