

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
ADMITTED UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 799
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2021

MOBILE MATERNITY HOME AND NEO NATAL CARE CENTRES

799. SHRI JIJYA BAGHEL:
SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched any scheme to provide for food and nutritional security to pregnant women and infants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has proposed any scheme to establish mobile maternity homes and neo-natal care centres in remote, hilly and tribal areas across the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Government enacted the National Food Security Act, 2013 which provides for coverage of 75% of the rural and 50% of the urban population, i.e. about two-thirds of the total population of the country, for receiving foodgrains at highly subsidized prices of Rs.3/2/1 per kg for rice/ wheat/ coarse grains respectively. In addition to this, the Act provides that pregnant women and lactating mothers and children in the age group of 6 months to 14 years are entitled to meals as per prescribed nutritional norms under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and Mid-Day Meal (MDM) schemes. Higher nutritional norms are prescribed for malnourished children upto 6 years of age.

Accordingly, for children below 6 months of age, exclusive breastfeeding is promoted and for pregnant women and children in the age group of 6 months to 6 years, under the Anganwadi Services of the Umbrella ICDS Scheme, Supplementary Nutrition is provided in the form of Take Home Ration, Morning Snacks and Hot Cooked Meals.

(c) & (d) Government of India has not proposed any mobile Maternity Homes and Neo-Natal Care Centres in the country as emergency obstetric care can not be adequately provided in mobile maternity homes
