

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 4276
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2024**

SANITARY PRODUCTS FOR TRIBAL WOMEN

4276. DR. KADIYAM KAVYA:

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

- (a) whether any schemes have been formulated by the Government to distribute sanitary products to tribal women who are living in hilly regions and forests which are not accessible by motorable roads in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to create awareness about sanitation and menstrual hygiene in remote tribal dominated areas of the country, State/UT-wise including Telangana?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) and (b) The Scheme for Promotion of Menstrual Hygiene among adolescent girls in the age group of 10-19 years is implemented to increase awareness among adolescent girls on menstrual hygiene, access to and use of sanitary napkins by adolescent girls and safe disposal of sanitary napkins in an environmentally friendly manner. The Scheme is implemented across the entire country to cover adolescent girls. It is supported by the National Health Mission through State Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) route, based on the proposals received from the States/UTs.

Information Education and Communication material developed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare creates awareness on healthy practices during menstruation. Field level workers as ANMs, CHOs and ASHAs promote awareness on menstrual hygiene management.
