

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 724
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29/11/2024**

PREVALENCE OF EPISIOTOMY PROCEDURE

724. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

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

- a) whether the Government has any data on the prevalence of episiotomy procedures in the country;
- b) If so, the details thereof;
- c) whether the Government has taken note of reports indicating excessive use of episiotomy in hospitals, particularly in private hospitals and if so, the details thereof; and
- d) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to regulate and reform the use of episiotomy in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) National Health Mission (NHM) provides guidelines to health care workers for labour room practices and management of obstetric interventions including episiotomy.

Under NHM, several measures have been implemented for the same. These include the following:

- LaQshya program, which aims to enhance the quality of care provided in labour rooms and maternity operation theatres.
- Nurse Practitioners Midwives trained to provide respectful and pregnant women-centred maternity care for promoting clinically appropriate practices.
- The Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (BEmONC) and Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (CEmONC) training programs equip MBBS doctors with skills to provide quality delivery services.
