

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2091  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2025**

**SURAKSHIT MATRITVA AASHWASAN (SUMAN) INITIATIVE**

**2091 SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH SOLANKY:  
SHRI JASWANTSINH SUMANBHAI BHABHOR:  
DR. RAJESH MISHRA:  
SMT. APARAJITA SARANGI:  
DR. BHOLA SINGH:  
DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:  
SHRI DULU MAHATO:  
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRI ALOK SHARMA:  
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:  
SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:  
SHRI BHARATSINHJI SHANKARJI DABHI:  
SHRI YOGENDER CHANDOLIA:  
SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA:  
SHRI TATKARE SUNIL DATTATREY:  
SHRI RAJKUMAR CHAHAR:  
DR. PRASHANT YADAORAO PADOLE:  
SMT. SMITA UDAY WAGH:**

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

- (a) the latest number of pregnant women and sick newborns who have received zero-cost services under the Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan (SUMAN) initiative during the last year along with the number of certified health facilities participating in the scheme in Madhya Pradesh particularly in Dewas and Shajapur districts and Dahod district of Gujarat;
- (b) whether any assessment has been undertaken by the Government regarding the impact of SUMAN on Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR), Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR) and facility-based care uptake for the region;
- (c) if so, the details and the key findings thereof including the positive changes recorded in MMR/NMR in the districts under SUMAN particularly in aspirational and high-burden, districts of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to further expand the reach of SUMAN into remote or tribal areas of the country, State-wise including tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh and Bulandshahr district of Uttar Pradesh;

(e) the details of impact of the said scheme in the Sidhi Lok Sabha Parliamentary Constituency; and

(f) whether special mobile health units are being deployed to increase SUMAN coverage in extremely remote and tribal areas of Dahod such as Garbhada, Limkheda and Singwada, Gujarat, if so the details thereof?

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

(a) The number of pregnant women and sick new-borns who received zero-cost services under Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan (SUMAN) initiative during last year, along with the number of certified health facilities participating in the scheme in Madhya Pradesh particularly in Dewas and Shajapur districts and Dahod district of Gujarat is placed at the Annexure.

(b) and (c) An evaluation study of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) of Health sector was conducted by NITI Aayog in September 2025. Under the study, maternal and child health schemes, including SUMAN, were assessed and quantitative and qualitative data was collected and analysed. The key findings of the study are follows:

- Under SUMAN Initiative, antenatal and postnatal care programs closely align with the global health priorities, particularly the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Around 92% respondents reported they were treated with respect and dignity during institutional delivery.
- Two-third of the respondents indicated high level of satisfaction with the care received.

As per the latest Sample Registration System (SRS), in the state of Madhya Pradesh, the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) has reduced from 163 per lakh live births in 2017-19 to 142 per lakh live births in 2021-23. The Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR) has declined from 33 per 1000 live births in 2019 to 27 per 1000 live births in 2023.

In the state of Maharashtra, the MMR shows reduction from 38 per lakh live births in 2017-19 to 36 per lakh live births in 2021-23 and NMR decreased from 23 per 1000 live births in 2019 to 11 per 1000 live births in 2023.

(d) The Government of India has taken following steps to expand the reach of various components of SUMAN initiative, across the country, including the remote & tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh and Bulandshahr district of Uttar Pradesh:

- Popularizing the scheme through Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) strategies including mass media.

- Field level workers like ANMs, ASHAs and CHOs are engaged for programme promotion at the ground level through interpersonal communication.
- A system of regular supportive supervisory visits to monitor the various components of SUMAN initiative is also in place across the country.

(e) As per the report received from State of Madhya Pradesh, a series of intervention have been initiated in Sidhi Lok Sabha Parliamentary Constituency to improve service coverage under SUMAN, which are as follows;

- SUMAN Help Desk established in the District Hospital Sidhi and Singrauli of Sidhi Parliamentary constituency
- Sickle Cell screening and management initiated
- Birth Waiting Homes established in 6 CHC and above Health facilities of Sidhi Parliamentary constituency
- 45 health facilities certified under NQAS in Sidhi Parliamentary constituency
- Obstetric HDU/ICU established in DH Sidhi and DH Singrauli of Sidhi Parliamentary constituency

(f) As per the inputs received from the State of Gujarat, currently 3 Mobile Health Units and 3 Mobile Medical Units are operational to provide maternal health services as per SUMAN guidelines in extremely remote and tribal areas of Dahod such as Garbhada, Limkheda and Singwada, Gujarat.

**Annexure referred in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Qn. 2091 to be answered on 12.12.2025**

**Annexure**

The number of pregnant women and sick infants who received zero-cost services under Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK) scheme, within the ambit of SUMAN initiative, during the last year (2024-25) along with the number of certified health facilities participating in the scheme in Madhya Pradesh particularly in Dewas and Shajapur districts and Dahod district of Gujarat.

<b>Name of the State</b>	<b>Total no. of Pregnant Women who received free services*</b>	<b>Total no. of Sick new-borns who received free services*</b>	<b>Total no. of SUMAN notified facilities as on 30.11.25**</b>
Madhya Pradesh	Madhya Pradesh-12,26,774 Dewas-13,758 Shajapur-13,453	Madhya Pradesh-1,35,374 Dewas-690 Shajapur-10,213	Madhya Pradesh-12,814 Dewas-252 Shajapur-157
Gujarat	Gujarat-7,47,495 Dahod-26,902	Gujarat-1,37,651 Dahod-7,036	Gujarat-5,819 Dahod-100

Source: \*HMIS; \*\*State report

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