

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UN- STARRED QUESTION NO. 4132
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2021

MENSTRUAL HYGIENE

4132 . SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:
SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:
SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:
SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

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

- (a) the initiative taken by the Ministry to ensure menstrual hygiene among adolescent girls by creating hygiene awareness indicating all the schemes being implemented by the Government in this regard, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the funds allocated and utilised under these schemes during the last three years, State/UT-wise and year-wise;
- (c) the challenges faced by the agencies in the implementation of these schemes;
- (d) whether the government has coordinated with various States, NGOs, local self Government institution and educational institutes to raise awareness in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the financial assistance provided by her Ministry in this regard during the last five years; and
- (f) whether the Ministry has commissioned/supported any research in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (b): Government has taken appropriate measures to improve menstrual hygiene practices through the schemes/ interventions of various Ministries/ Departments. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare implements the Scheme for Promotion of Menstrual Hygiene since 2011 to increase awareness among adolescent girls, to increase access to and use of high quality sanitary napkins to adolescent girls and to ensure safe disposal of Sanitary Napkins in an environmentally friendly manner. Further, teachers and Front line Workers - Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (FLW-ANMs), Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) worker and AWWs are oriented appropriately in the scheme with the budget provided for the same under Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK).

Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan has developed National Guidelines on Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) for creating awareness on Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) in rural areas as part of its overall interventions related to behaviour change on sanitation hygiene aspect. Further, Department of School Education and Literacy implements an integrated scheme namely 'Samagra Shiksha' under which State specific projects for varied interventions on menstrual health and hygiene including installation of sanitary pad vending machines and incinerators are sanctioned. Ministry of Woman and Child Development implements the scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG) under which one of the component is improving their health and nutritional status and to motivate them to go back to formal schooling.

Department of Pharmaceutical, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers under the Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janasudhi Pariyojna (PMBJP), provides Oxo-biodegradable sanitary napkins named Suvidha.

Details of State/UT wise funds allocated and utilised under NHM scheme of MoH&FW and SAG of MWCD in the past three years are annexed at **Annexure-I & II**

(c) : As per information provided by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the following issues have been faced by States:

- i. Delay in the procurement process /tendering
- ii. Inability to cover majority of the adolescent girls due to limited funds
- iii. Timely and uninterrupted distribution to all beneficiaries
- iv. Adequate capacity building of the ASHAs/ teachers and AWW
- v. Availability of safe disposal mechanisms.

(d) to (e): The above initiatives/ Schemes are implemented through the States/ UTs by involving Development Partners, NGOs and community etc.

(f) Department of Health Research under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) carries out research and studies to look into the newer methods of managing menstrual health and other sustainable alternatives to sanitary napkins for their safety, acceptability, affordability, efficacy and feasibility among women in public health program setting.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) TO THE LOK SABHA U N-STARRED QUESTION NO.4132 FOR 19.03.2021 ASKED BY SH RI P.P. CHAUDHARY, SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA, SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE AN D SHRI JAYANT SINHA REGARDING 'MENSTRUAL HYGIENE'

State-wise SPIP Approvals & Expenditure for the component Drugs and Supplies for RKSK (Sanitary napkins procurement) under NHM for the F.Ys. 2017-18 to 2019-20

(Rs. In Lakhs)

| S. No. | Name of the States/UTs | 2017-18 | | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | SPIP Approvals | Expenditure | SPIP Approvals | Expenditure | SPIP Approvals | Expenditure |
| A. High Focus States | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Bihar | 183.45 | - | - | - | 957.6 | 0.61 |
| 2 | Chhattisgarh | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 3 | Himachal Pradesh | 266.0 | 155.17 | - | - | 385.17 | 464.69 |
| 4 | Jammu & Kashmir | 118.06 | 53.44 | - | - | 102.72 | 109.99 |
| 5 | Jharkhand | - | 0.78 | - | - | - | - |
| 6 | Madhya Pradesh | - | - | - | - | 107.25 | 23.33 |
| 7 | Orissa | 502.95 | 428.5 | 804.09 | 770.49 | 382.23 | 778.08 |
| 8 | Rajasthan | - | - | - | - | 3,000 | 1,494.81 |
| 9 | Uttar Pradesh | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 10 | Uttarakhand | - | - | - | - | 134.06 | - |
| | Sub Total | 1,070.46 | 637.89 | 804.09 | 770.49 | 5,069.03 | 2,871.51 |
| B. NE States | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Arunachal Pradesh | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 12 | Assam | 390.7 | - | - | 223.93 | 288.62 | - |
| 13 | Manipur | - | - | - | - | 116.2 | 116.2 |
| 14 | Meghalaya | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15 | Mizoram | 4.53 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16 | Nagaland | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 17 | Sikkim | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 18 | Tripura | - | 35.11 | - | - | - | 4.99 |
| | Sub Total | 395.23 | 35.11 | - | 223.93 | 404.82 | 121.19 |
| C. Non-High Focus States | | | | | | | |

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 19 | Andhra Pradesh | 404.05 | - | 407.81 | 500.0 | - | 407.81 |
| 20 | Goa | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 21 | Gujarat | 358.01 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 22 | Haryana | 489.3 | - | 196.9 | - | - | - |
| 23 | Karnataka | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 24 | Kerala | 66.50 | 66.50 | 26.60 | 26.60 | 119.70 | - |
| 25 | Maharashtra | 766.08 | - | 531.45 | - | 100.0 | 414.24 |
| 26 | Punjab | 140.0 | 0.62 | - | - | - | 77.66 |
| 27 | Tamil Nadu | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 28 | Telangana | 284.74 | 1.40 | 273.8 | - | - | - |
| 29 | West Bengal | 456.26 | 233.96 | - | - | 756.65 | - |
| | Sub Total | 2,964.94 | 302.48 | 1,436.56 | 526.60 | 976.35 | 899.71 |
| D. Small States/UTs | | | | | | | |
| 30 | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 31 | Chandigarh | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 32 | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 33 | Daman & Diu | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 34 | Delhi | - | - | 82.08 | - | 97.96 | 42.70 |
| 35 | Lakshadweep | 14.40 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 36 | Puducherry | - | - | - | - | 36.00 | - |
| | Sub Total | 14.40 | - | 82.08 | - | 133.96 | 42.70 |
| | Grand Total | 4,445.03 | 975.49 | 2,322.73 | 1,521.02 | 6,584.16 | 3,935.12 |

Annexure-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) TO THE LOK SABHA UN-STARRED QUESTION NO.4132 FOR 19.03.2021 ASKED BY SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY, SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA, SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE AND SHRI JAYANT SINHA REGARDING 'MENSTRUAL HYGIENE'

State/UT wise funds allocated and utilised under Scheme for Adolescent Girl (SAG) of Ministry of Women & Child Development in the past three years

(Rs. in lakh)

| Sl.No. | States/UT | 2017-18 | | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | |
|--------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | Released | Utilised | Released | Utilised | Released | Utilised |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 2259.52 | 2050.18 | 1011.98 | 139.57 | 127.39 | 65.24 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 87.96 | 42.76 | 0 | 18.44 | 33.71 | - |
| 3 | Assam | 341.92 | 0 | 0 | 774.51 | 488.62 | 1594.47 |
| 4 | Bihar | 4003.74 | 2742.76 | 25.54 | 686.12 | 582.91 | 23.78 |
| 5 | Chhattisgarh | 2792.61 | 1795.87 | 724.75 | 61.7 | 48.4 | - |
| 6 | Goa | 302.77 | 302.76 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 43.03 | 0.1 |
| 7 | Gujarat | 2690.09 | 2936.5 | 5092.44 | 1514.03 | 1937.79 | 2447.4 |
| 8 | Haryana | 589.97 | 363.75 | 37.41 | 44.71 | 70.56 | 22.19 |
| 9 | Himachal Pradesh | 1129.42 | 371.94 | 0 | 9 | 0 | - |
| 10 | Jammu & Kashmir | 255.91 | 26.67 | 560.39 | 234.4 | 46.53 | - |
| 11 | Jharkhand | 1495.55 | 154.54 | 0 | 0 | 254.39 | - |
| 12 | Karnataka | 2466.93 | 1819.93 | 923.76 | 880.33 | 1253.33 | 37.63 |
| 13 | Kerala | 692.91 | 632.13 | 289.74 | 3.43 | 1.08 | 2.25 |
| 14 | Madhya Pradesh | 8641.18 | 7125.7 | 5442.4 | 2810.48 | 1118.38 | 2124.8 |
| 15 | Maharashtra | 3995.68 | 3530.7 | 3536.78 | 2715.98 | 925.32 | 569.73 |
| 16 | Manipur | 170.28 | 62.34 | 0 | 107.28 | 96.86 | 2.71 |
| 17 | Meghalaya | 528.83 | 540.36 | 12.55 | 25.92 | 1278.81 | 1277.49 |
| 18 | Mizoram | 123.95 | 123.15 | 69.32 | 69.32 | 13.56 | 4.98 |
| 19 | Nagaland | 193.14 | 131.01 | 214.3 | 139.36 | 223.29 | 66.74 |
| 20 | Odisha | 2442.6 | 2345.4 | 866.77 | 0 | 72.6 | - |
| 21 | Punjab | 40.6 | 440.65 | 26.3 | 43.13 | 0 | - |
| 22 | Rajasthan | 39.38 | 0 | 0 | 59.39 | 0 | 130.35 |
| 23 | Sikkim | 15.42 | 27.45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 24 | Tamil Nadu | 3196.22 | 1556.44 | 0 | 32.28 | 95.48 | 16.93 |
| 25 | Telangana | 81.4 | 0 | 107.49 | 0 | 151.54 | 0 |
| 26 | Tripura | 674.38 | 228.06 | 19.16 | 136.28 | 32.27 | 20.03 |
| 27 | Uttar Pradesh | 4486.13 | 4815.01 | 1000.35 | 0 | 1827.57 | 2798.24 |
| 28 | Uttaranchal | 3.3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| 29 | West Bengal | 282.47 | 992.63 | 101.85 | 0 | 126.72 | - |
| 30 | A & N Islands | 51.35 | 15.52 | 3.18 | 0.19 | 1.02 | - |
| 31 | Chandigarh | 12.68 | 5.81 | 2.33 | 1.66 | 2.46 | - |
| 32 | Daman & Diu | 14.14 | 14.07 | 4.53 | 4.53 | 3.87 | - |
| 33 | D & NH | 16.44 | 12.64 | 4.94 | 0 | 0.42 | - |
| 34 | Delhi | 490.19 | 570.32 | 320.48 | 18.29 | 12.84 | 27.11 |
| 35 | Lakshadweep | 11.65 | 2.82 | 3.11 | 0.12 | 0.07 | 0.02 |
| 36 | Pondicherry | 8.81 | 4.74 | 1.63 | 0.04 | 0 | 245.18 |
| | Total | 44629.52 | 35784.61 | 20403.88 | 10530.69 | 10870.82 | 11477.37 |
