

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4324
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH AUGUST, 2017**

MENSTRUAL HYGIENE FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS SCHEME

4324. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

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

- (a) the number of States and districts covered under the promotion of Menstrual Hygiene for Adolescent Girls Scheme in the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the funds allocated by the Government for the scheme and the actual expenditure incurred in the last three years and the current year, State/ UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has a mechanism to assess the trend in adoption levels of sanitary napkins in rural areas under the scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is aware that the CAG has reported irregularities in the distribution of sanitary napkins in the country including Gujarat and Chhattisgarh and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government is planning to tackle the issues of poor quality, under-utilisation and low adoption rates of sanitary napkins in rural areas; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the Government's response on imposition of GST on sanitary napkins?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

(a) & (b): Under National Health Mission, 12 States implemented the Scheme for Promotion of Menstrual Hygiene in 2014-15, 15 States implemented in 2015-16 and 17 States implemented in 2016-17 and these States are implementing the scheme during 2017-18 as well.

Details of funds allocated to States/UTs and expenditure incurred for the last three years are annexed.

(c): As per District Level Health Survey conducted in 2007-08, 24.6 % of adolescent girls had access to sanitary napkins.

(d): As per CAG Report of 2015 (for a period of 2011-12 to 2013-14) 73% of sanitary napkins supplied by Government of India were lying unutilised in Gujarat and sanitary napkins were not distributed in Chhattisgarh.

(e) & (f): The scheme has now been decentralised to the States and UTs and funds are provided to States/ UTs under National Health Mission for this scheme based on proposals received from the States/UTS in their respective Programme Implementation Plans. As part of this scheme funds are also given for capacity building of health workers and Information Education and Communication to promote menstrual hygiene.

Government has prescribed a concessional rate of 12% on sanitary napkins on the recommendation of GST Council.

**Funds Allocated and Utilization for Scheme of Promotion of Menstrual Hygiene
under NHM for the F.Y.s 2014-15 to 2016-17**

Sl. No.	Activity	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17	
		SPIP Approval	Utilization	SPIP Approval	Utilization	SPIP Approval	Utilization
A. High Focus States							
1	Bihar	-	-	-	0.15	125.16	0.60
2	Chattisgarh	27.93	-	339.62	-	-	-
3	Himachal Pradesh	288.00	110.10	288.00	156.68	96.00	170.05
4	Jammu & Kashmir	-	-	-	-	104.00	-
5	Jharkhand	-	-	393.99	-	-	0.17
6	Madhya Pradesh	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Orissa	679.62	2.51	374.15	-	682.73	200.00
8	Rajasthan	605.61	-	-	282.10	-	-
9	Uttar Pradesh	-	-	-	18.00	-	30.66
10	Uttarakhand	-	5.19	-	-	95.84	-
	Sub Total	1,601.16	117.80	1,395.76	456.93	1,103.73	401.48
B. NE States							
11	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Assam	356.15	-	358.11	351.04	374.47	-
13	Manipur	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Meghalaya	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Mizoram	-	-	-	-	6.05	-
16	Nagaland	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Sikkim	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Tripura	161.44	-	-	0.64	41.18	-

	Sub Total	517.59	-	358.11	351.68	421.70	-
C. Non-High Focus States							
19	Andhra Pradesh	63.84	-	200.00	200.00	202.53	-
20	Goa	3.20	-	35.32	-	-	-
21	Gujarat	-	-	229.27	-	134.59	134.59
22	Haryana	129.42	37.32	787.04	-	538.23	-
23	Karnataka	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Kerala	-	-	119.70	-	64.00	183.70
25	Maharashtra	-	-	201.78	-	638.40	-
26	Punjab	-	-	-	-	136.80	-
27	Tamil Nadu	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	Telangana	85.79	-	37.63	-	169.30	-
29	West Bengal	-	-	-	-	292.80	-
	Sub Total	282.25	37.32	1,610.74	200.00	2,176.65	318.29
D. Small States/UTs							
30	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	Chandigarh	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	8.51	-	-	-	-	-
33	Daman & Diu	-	-	3.88	-	-	-
34	Delhi	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Lakshadweep	-	-	7.15	-	1.80	-
36	Puducherry	24.00	24.01	10.85	0.53	-	10.29
	Sub Total	32.51	24.01	21.88	0.53	1.80	10.29
	Total	2,433.51	179.13	3,386.49	1,009.13	3,703.88	730.06

Note:

1. SPIP stands for State Programme Implementation Plan.
2. Utilization includes utilization against central Release, State share & unspent balances at the beginning of the year.
3. The above figures are as per FMR reported by State/UTs, hence provisional.