

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1043
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH JULY, 2022**

PRADHAN MANTRI SURAKSHIT MATRITVA ABHIYAN

1043. SHRI IRANNA KADADI:

Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to State:

- a. Whether under the Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA), many private medical practitioners are serving poor pregnant women once in every month by conducting free tests and offering free treatment in their own clinics or nursing homes;
- b. number of women benefited from the said scheme in Karnataka, particularly in Belagavi district.
- c. measures being taken by Government to honour such private medical practitioners to encourage more practitioners to extend such services; and
- d. Whether Government proposes to take any new steps to include more farmer families under the scheme, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (d): **Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA)** provides a fixed day, free of cost assured, comprehensive and quality Antenatal Care on the 9th day of every month to pregnant women in their 2nd / 3rd trimesters of pregnancy at designated government health facilities. Under PMSMA Program, private medical practitioners are also encouraged to offer voluntary services at government health facilities. A total of 2937 volunteers are offering PMSMA services to pregnant women including poor pregnant women as well as farmer families on 9th of every month (source: PMSMA Portal).

The number of pregnant women benefitted from PMSMA in the state of Karnataka is more than 15.31 lakhs and in Belagavi District is more than 1.56 lakhs (source: PMSMA Portal).

The Government honours such private medical practitioners with 'IPledgeFor9' Achievers Awards.
