

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

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *147
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th DECEMBER, 2022**

RASHTRIYA KISHOR SWASTHYA KARYAKRAM

***147 SHRI IRANNA KADADI:**

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

- (a) whether Government has established Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK) and if so, the details including the aims and objectives thereof;
- (b) whether RKSK has been able to achieve the objective for which it was established and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total amount released by Government for RKSK during each of the last three years and the current year and the actual amount spent thereon; and
- (d) the action taken by Government to make adolescents aware about RKSK?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED
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(a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare implements Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK) since 2014.

The Objectives of RKSK are:

- Increase the availability and access to information about adolescent health.
- Increase accessibility and utilization of quality adolescent counselling and health services.
- Forge multi-sectoral and intra departmental partnerships to create safe and supportive environment for adolescents.
- Institute special strategies to target adolescents residing in geographic pockets which make them vulnerable to health and nutrition risks, such as tribal, conflict, migrant and out of school adolescents.

The target population includes all adolescents in the age group of 10 to 19 years.

The four interventions under RKSK are Adolescent Friendly Health Clinics (AFHCs), Weekly Iron Folic Acid Supplementation Programme (WIFS), Peer Education Programme (PE Programme) and Menstrual Hygiene Scheme (MHS).

(b) Since the launch of the Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram, significant progress has been made under the programme to achieve its objectives.

Adolescent Friendly Health Clinics (AFHCs): The number of Adolescent Friendly Health Clinics (AFHCs) has increased from **6619** in 2014-15 to **7203** in 2021-22. Adolescents receiving counseling and clinical services in these AFHCs have increased substantially from 39 lakh in 2014-15 to 82 lakh (HMIS data) in 2021-22.

Weekly Iron Folic Acid Supplementation Programme (WIFS): **4.1 crore** Adolescents were provided WIFS-IFA tablets every month besides Nutrition Health Education in the year 2021-22 with a remarkable increase of around 2 crore beneficiaries as compared to 2014-15.

Peer Education Programme: 4.98 lakh Peer Educators have been trained.

Menstrual Hygiene Scheme (MHS): 34.92 lakh adolescent girls were provided sanitary napkin in FY 2021-22.

(c) Under NHM, allocations to State/UTs are made in flexible pools. Whereas, approvals under NHM are given activity wise to provide greater flexibility to States/UTs to utilize the funds as per their felt need and priorities.

Details of the total amount released by Government for RKSK during each of the last three years and current year and amount spent thereon is placed at **Annexure 'A'**.

(d) In order to create awareness about the RKSK and services provided, States/ UTs undertake Information Education and Communication/ Behaviour Change Communication (IEC/BCC) using various media platforms as per their plans. Funds are approved by the Government based on the proposals received in the Programme Implementation Plan (PIPs) of the respective State/ UT.

Platforms of Schools and Anganwadi Centres are also being utilized to provide services and awareness under RKSK .

ANNEXURE-A**State/UT wise Approvals and Expenditure under Adolescent Health/Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK) under NHM from F.Y. 2019-20 to 2022-23****(Rs. in lakhs)**

2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
Approvals	Expenditure	Approvals	Expenditure	Approvals	Expenditure	Approvals	Expenditure
7834.91	3942.49	10233.68	4780.29	48619.99	26696.22	66263.24	5265.33

Note:

1. Expenditure includes expenditure against Central Release, State Release & unspent balances at the beginning of the year. Expenditure is as per available FMRs reported by the States/UTs. It is updated upto 30.09.2022 and is provisional.
2. The above data comprises of Facility based services, Community level Interventions for AH Services, Procurement of bio-medical and other equipment: AH, Drugs & supplies for AH, Adolescent Health Trainings, BCC/IEC activities for AH/ Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram, Printing activities under AH, etc.
