

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1704  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06/08/2024**

**“PREECLAMPSIA CASES AMONG PREGNANT WOMEN”**

**1704. SHRI MANAS RANJAN MANGARAJ:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of increasing preeclampsia cases among pregnant women, characterized by high blood pressure, proteinuria, and organ damage;
- (b) the number of pregnant women, having preeclampsia from the year 2019 to 2023;
- (c) whether Government is promoting preeclampsia awareness, early detection, and better maternal care; and
- (d) if so, the details of the actions being taken and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

**(a) to (d)** As per the various studies published, the incidence of preeclampsia in India is about 5-10 % among pregnant women. The number of women having hypertension during pregnancy from the year 2019 to 2023 are as follows;

No.of Pregnant Women having hypertension (Source: HMIS)				
2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
5,99,611	5,69,314	6,12,021	7,17,606	7,73,585

Under the National Health Mission (NHM), Government of India is implementing various initiatives /schemes to address preeclampsia among pregnant women including promoting awareness, early detection, and better maternal care across all States/UTs.

- **Monthly Village, Health, Sanitation, and Nutrition Day (VHSND):** Regular blood pressure and urine albumin tests are monitored by Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANM) at

VHSND level to detect the high risk complications during pregnancy including the detection of preeclampsia in every antenatal visits.

- **The Mother and Child Protection (MCP) Card and Safe Motherhood Booklet**, are provided to all pregnant women, which educate them on diet, rest, pregnancy danger signs including preeclampsia, various maternal health schemes, and the importance of institutional deliveries.
- **Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) & extended PMSMA:** Under this program all pregnant women are screened for high-risk conditions including preeclampsia in order to ensure three follow ups visits, appropriate management, tagging with nearest first referral unit (FRU) for safe institutional delivery.
- **Regular Information Education and Communication (IEC)/ Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) and outreach camps** are organised regularly to generate awareness among communities /pregnant women on various maternal health initiatives/schemes.

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