

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1582
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025

NON-ADULT TRIBAL MOTHERS IN THE COUNTRY

1582. SHRI A.A. RAHIM :

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise data on the number of non-adult tribal mothers currently registered under any Government Welfare Scheme;
- (b) the specific health and financial assistance provided to such mothers under Tribal Welfare Programs; and
- (c) whether Government has any plans to introduce a dedicated policy for the welfare of non-adult tribal mothers, and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGA DAS UIKEY)

(a) to (c): Under National Health Mission (NHM), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India has undertaken the followings steps to improve maternal health services to all pregnant women across the country including tribal areas -

- **Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK)** entitles every pregnant woman to free delivery including caesarean section, in public health institutions along with the provision of free transportation, diagnostics, medicines, blood, other consumables and diet.
- **Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA)** provides pregnant women a fixed day, free of cost assured and quality antenatal check up by an obstetrician/specialist/Medical officer on the 9th day of every month.
- **Extended PMSMA** strategy ensures quality ANC to pregnant women, especially to high-risk pregnancy (HRP) women and individual HRP tracking till a safe delivery is achieved by means of financial incentivization for the identified high risk pregnant women and accompanying ASHA for extra 3 visits over and above the PMSMA visit.
- **Outreach camps** are provisioned for improving the reach of healthcare services especially in tribal and hard to reach areas. This platform is used to increase the awareness for the Maternal and child health services, community mobilization as well as to track high risk pregnancies.
- **Monthly Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Day (VHSND)** an outreach activity at Anganwadi centres ensures provision of maternal and childcare including nutrition in convergence with the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS).
- **Optimizing Postnatal Care** aims to strengthen the quality of postnatal care by laying emphasis on detection of danger signs in mothers and incentivization of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) for prompt detection, referral and treatment of such high risk postpartum mothers.
- **Birth waiting Homes (BWH)** are established in remote and tribal areas to promote institutional delivery and improve access to healthcare facilities.
- **Mother and Child Protection (MCP) Card and Safe Motherhood Booklet** are distributed to the pregnant women for educating them on diet rest, danger signs of pregnancy, benefit schemes and institutional deliveries.
