

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL MATERNITY BENEFIT SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an assistance of Rs.500/- is given to pregnant women belonging to BPL families under the National Maternity Benefit Scheme; and

(b) if so, the number of beneficiaries in each State since its introduction, year-wise and State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) Financial assistance ranging between Rs. 600/- to Rs. 700/- is being given to pregnant women belonging to BPL families under Janani Suraksha Yojana, which has been introduced in 2005 in modification of the National Maternity Benefit Scheme.

(b) Year-wise and State-wise number of beneficiaries under National Maternity Benefit Scheme based on expenditure reported by District Authorities, from the year 1995-96 to 2004-05 is given at Annexure -1.