

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:138
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ASSESSING MATERNITY COST
Jagannath Dr. M.

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted a survey to assess the maternity cost one has to incur on normal delivery of a child and in the case of cesarean delivery ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether the maternity expenses and related hospitalization charges like room rent, pre-delivery expenses , cost of check-up , expenses on abortion or miscarriage are covered under the mediclaim policies issued by the private operators and the Government insurance companies;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken to extend the maternity benefits to all women under the mediclaim policies in view of the risk elements involved in maternity cases ?

Answer

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

- (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the house.