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HEALTH RELATED PROGRAMMES FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

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

(a) whether the Government has organized several health related programmes including traditional indigenous system of medicines for better upkeep of health of women and children during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expenditure incurred on such programmes alongwith the number of persons benefited therefrom during the said period, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Maternal Health and Child Health programmes are integral part of the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme aimed at bringing down the maternal, infant and child mortality and morbidity and improving health status of women and children. Under the RCH Programme, which is under implementation in all States/Union territories of the country, a number of interventions are being implemented. These are:

For Mothers:

1. Essential obstetric care including antenatal check-up, safe delivery services and post natal care.
2. Emergency obstetric care.
3. Provision of contractual staff like Laboratory Technician, Public Health Nurses and additional Auxillary nurse and Midwife (ANMs).
4. Hiring of Anesthetists and Safe Motherhood consultants for provision of emergency obstetric care and safe abortion services, etc.
5. Provision of drugs and equipment at sub-centers, primary health centers, community health centers/first referral units.
6. A scheme for 24 hour delivery services at selected primary health centers and community health centers.
7. Provision of funds for Referral transport for pregnant women belonging to indigent families, through Panchayats.
8. Facilities and training for medical termination of pregnancies for safe abortions.
9. Prevention, management and control of Reproductive Tract Infections (RTI)/ Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI).
10. Intensification of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Programme for Maternal and Child Health through the mass media as also decentralized local specific activities at the grassroots level.
11. Involvement of NGOs in awareness generation and service delivery where government services are not adequate.
12. Training of medical/paramedical and other services providers.
13. National Maternity Benefit Scheme
14. Training of Dais.
15. RCH Camps in remote and underutilized Primary Health Centers particularly in EAG States.

For Children:

1. Immunization against six vaccine preventable diseases.

2. Control of deaths due to diarrhoeal disease.
3. Control of deaths due to Acute Respiratory Infections.
4. Eradication of polio.
5. Prophylaxis against blindness due to Vitamin A deficiency.
6. New born care.

Traditional/Indegenous Systems of Medicine:

Government of India has announced National Policy on Indian Systems of Medicine & Homeopathy in the year 2002 which envisages health care programmes for the society and also betterment of women and children through Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, Yoga & Naturopathy and Homeopathy (AYUSH).

1. Under Reproductive & Child Health (RCH) Programme, 7 Ayurvedic drugs have been introduced in 9 States i.e, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala. 5 Unani drugs have been introduced in 4 cities i.e, Delhi, Aligarh, Lucknow and Hyderabad.

2. Pilot Scheme on "Home remedies Kit" based on Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathay medicines, for supply of drugs to rural areas/ villages have been introduced in 100 villages of 21 States for 15 common ailments which includes Mother & Child Health.

(c) A statement showing the expenditure incurred under the RCH Programme - state wise during the last 3 years is annexed. The information on actual numbers of women and children benefited during the last three years is not available.