

HEALTH AND WELFARE OF PREGNANT WOMEN

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Schemes pertaining to health and welfare of pregnant women and the foetus are **Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY)** and **Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakaram (JSSK)**.

Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) is a safe motherhood intervention under the National Health Mission (NRHM). Launched with the objective of reducing maternal and neonatal mortality, the Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) promotes institutional delivery among pregnant women especially with weak socio-economic status i.e. women from Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and BPL households. The scheme, launched on 12 April 2005, is under implementation in all states and Union Territories (UTs), with a special focus on Low Performing States (LPS).

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The entitlements include:

The number of beneficiaries of Supplementary Nutrition (Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers) under Anganwadi Services during the last three years and the current year are

tabulated below

Data as on

Number of beneficiaries of SNP under Anganwadi Services (Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers)

31.03.2018

1,73,35,216

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1,71,86,549

31.03.2020

1,68,74,975

31.03.2021

1,56,73,127

30.06.2021

1,69,25,928

The number of beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) is tabulated below:

Year

Parameter

Total

2017-18

No. of Beneficiaries enrolled

2,570,009

No. of Beneficiaries Paid

1,108,929

2018-19

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6,060,011

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2019-20

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2020-21

No. of Beneficiaries enrolled

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7,531,575

2021-22 (as on 22.11.2021)

No. of Beneficiaries enrolled

3,037,107

No. of Beneficiaries Paid

3,530,255

As per the information received from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the number of such women who benefitted under JSSK scheme in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 is given below:

Year

Number of Pregnant Women provided - Free Medicines under JSSK

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Year
No. of beneficiaries (In Lakh)

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100.41

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107.35

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99.92

The number of Still Births reported during the last three years is tabulated below:

2018-19

2019-20

2020-21

No. of Still Birth Reported

2,72,693

2,63,342

2,54,462

Source: Health Management Information System (HMIS) - 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21

All maternal health interventions during antepartum and intrapartum period namely – ANC Check-ups, IFA supplementation and nutrition, High risk pregnancy identification and management, skilled attendance at birth contribute towards prevention of still birth.

This information was given by the Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, in a written reply in Rajya Sabha today.

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