

More than two lakh beneficiaries covered under Maternity Benefit Programme during 2016-17 till date

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Maternity Benefit Programme is a centrally sponsored scheme, under which the maternity benefits of Rs.6,000/- per beneficiary is provided to Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers (PW&LM). As per the existing norms maternity benefit is provided to PW&LM who are of 19 years of age and above, for first two live births. As reported by State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, 2,07,720 beneficiaries were covered under the Maternity Benefit Programme during 2016-17, as on date. The existing conditionalities and installments are as under:

Cash Transfer	Conditions	Amount (In Rs.)
First instalment (in third trimester)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration of Pregnancy at Anganwadi Centres / Health Centres preferably within fourth months of pregnancy At least two Ante-Natal Check-up (ANC) with Iron Folic Acid (IFA) tablets and Tetanus Toxoid (TT) 	3,000
Second instalment (6 months after delivery)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The birth of the child is registered. The child has received Bacillus Calmette Guerin (BCG), Diphtheria Pertusis Tetanus (DPT) I, II & III and three Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) doses Attended at least 3 growth monitoring and Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) counselling sessions within 3 months of delivery. Exclusive breastfeeding for six months and introduction of complimentary feeding as certified by the mother. 	3,000

The Government has announced pan-India implementation of the programme for which revised and simplified guidelines are being drafted.

This information was given by Minister of State for Women & Child Development, Smt Krishna Raj in reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.

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