



Maternity Benefit Programme to be implemented in all the blocks/districts of the country

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The Maternity Benefit Programme of Ministry of Women & Child Development envisages payment of Rs.6,000/- to eligible Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers (PW&LM) in all the blocks/districts of the country to improve their health seeking behaviour and nutrition status. The payment is to be made in installments subject to fulfilment of certain health and nutrition conditions through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode. This benefit would be available to eligible PW&LM except those who are in regular employment with the Central Government or State Government or Public Sector Undertaking or those who are in receipt of similar benefits under any law for the time being in force.

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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