

Chief Minister Launches Scheme in Four TSP Districts

Indira Gandhi Matritva Poshan Yojana Will Promote Proper Nourishment of Pregnant Women, Lactating Mothers & Children – CM

Jaipur, November 19. Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot has said that launching of Indira Gandhi Matritva Poshan Yojana is an important step taken by the state government towards women empowerment. If a pregnant woman gets adequate nutrition, then the baby will also be born healthy. This imperative scheme of the state government will not only reduce malnutrition in mothers and children, but will also increase awareness amongst the people in regard to the importance of mother's health and her nutrition level for proper development of children.

Shri Gehlot was addressing an event while inaugurating Indira Gandhi Matritva Poshan Yojana through a video conference, on Thursday, on the occasion of birth anniversary of the former Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi. Objective of the scheme is to provide proper nutrition to pregnant mothers and children.

The CM called it a historic occasion and extended good wishes to the Woman and Child Development Department for the same. He said that the state government started this scheme in compliance with the provisions of the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013 for the women having second delivery. Family members of the women should take complete care of the pregnant and lactating women and children with the same intent.

Scheme to Be Implemented in the Entire State in Phased Manner

The Chief Minister said that this scheme was announced in the state budget on March 13 this year to give priority to health and nutrition of the women and children. Presently, it has been started in four most backward TSP districts of the state i.e. Udaipur, Banswara, Dungarpur and Pratapgarh, based on the rankings of Mother & Child Nutrition indicators. He said that the state government will implement this scheme in the whole of Rajasthan including Saharia-dominated Baran district.

Shri Gehlot said that he would demand Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to implement this scheme in the entire country on the lines of Rajasthan by writing a letter. He thanked UPA chairperson Smt. Sonia Gandhi for suggesting this scheme and said that the food security in the country was ensured through a law during the UPA regime. There was a provision in the NFSA to make a scheme to improve nutrition levels of the pregnant women and lactating mothers and children.

More Than 77 Thousand Women Will Be Benefitted Every Year

The departments of Medical & Health and Mines & Geology will work with the department of Woman & Child Development for this scheme. More than 77 Thousand women will be benefitted every year. There will be an annual expenditure of Rs. 43 crore for this scheme and it will be funded by the State Mineral Foundation Trust under Mines & Geology department. Shri Gehlot also released the logo, poster and brochure of the scheme. On the occasion of its launch, two beneficiaries each from the four districts were given cheques of Rs. 1000 each as the first instalment of this scheme.

Mines and Gopalan Minister Shri Pramod Jain Bhaya said that the scheme is a big historic step towards women empowerment.

Beneficiary Women Will Get Rs 6000 In Five Phases

Woman & Child Development Minister Smt. Mamta Bhupesh said that the objective of the Indira Gandhi Matritva Poshan Yojana was to improve the nutrition level of pregnant women and lactating mothers and children upto the age of 3 years. On birth of the second child, the beneficiary woman will be given Rs. 6000 directly in her bank account in five instalments. First instalment of Rs. 1000 will be given after the pregnancy test and registration; second instalment of Rs. 1000 after completion of minimum two ante-natal check-ups; third instalment of Rs. 1000 on institutional delivery; fourth instalment of Rs. 2000 after getting all the regular vaccines administered to the newborn within 105 days of birth and after the birth registration of the child and the fifth and last instalment of Rs. 1000 will be given on the couple adopting a means of family planning within three months after birth. This way, this scheme would also encourage family planning.

Smt Mamta Bhupesh also read out the congratulatory message by the UPA Chairperson Smt. Sonia Gandhi. She said that Chief Minister Shri Gehlot has implemented this scheme after receiving the suggestions by Smt. Gandhi in regard to providing nutrition to pregnant women for birth of second child, lactating mothers and children, for which the mothers extend their gratitude. She said that pregnant women will get benefits under this scheme if the second child was born on November 1, 2020 or thereafter. At present, the entire amount on this scheme is being spent by the state government.

Secretary Woman & Child Development Shri Krishnakant Pathak said that this scheme will be implemented through Anganwadi Centres. ANMs and ASHA Sahayoginis of the health department would be in regular touch with the beneficiary women for proper nutrition and care of their children. Children's Investment Fund Foundation and IP Global will help the state government for implementation of this scheme.

Chief Secretary Shri Niranjana Arya, Principal Secretary Mines & Geology Shri Ajitabh Sharma, Secretary Health Shri Siddharth Mahajan, Director ICDS Smt. Pratibha Singh, IP Global Director Shri Raghvesh Ranjan, Children's Investment Fund Foundation Manager Shri Hemang Shah and senior officers of various departments were present during the scheme launch programme. The beneficiary women and officers of different departments joined the event through video conference.
