

# Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)

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**In news-** The Union government is likely to extend PMMVY (which is currently applicable to the first child in the family) to the second one child only if the child born is a girl.

## About Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)-

- It is a Maternity Benefit Programme that is **implemented in all the districts of the country in accordance with the provision of the National Food Security Act, 2013.**
- Launched in 2017, PMMVY **aims to improve the nutritional well-being of the mother and the child.**
- It provides **cash incentive of Rs 5000 in three installments** i.e. first installment of Rs 1000/ – on early registration of pregnancy at the Anganwadi Centre (AWC) / approved Health facility as may be identified by the respective administering State / UT, second installment of Rs 2000/ – after six months of pregnancy on receiving at least one ante-natal check-up (ANC) and third installment of Rs 2000/ – after child birth is registered and the child has received the first cycle of BCG, OPV, DPT and Hepatitis – B, or its equivalent/ substitute.
- **It is combined with another scheme, Janani Suraksha Yojana**, under which nearly RS.1,000 is given for an institutional birth, so that a woman gets a total of RS.6,000.
- **Under the revamped PMMVY under Mission Shakti, the maternity benefit amounting to RS.6000 is also to be provided for the second child, but only if the**

**second is a girl child**, to discourage pre-birth sex selection and promote the girl child.

- The eligible women desirous of availing maternity benefits are required to register under the scheme at the Anganwadi Centre ( AWC ) / approved Health facility depending upon the implementing department for that particular State /UT.

▪ **Objectives:**

- Providing partial compensation for the wage loss in terms of cash incentives so that the woman can take adequate rest before and after delivery of the first living child.
- The cash incentive provided would lead to improved health seeking behaviour amongst Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers (PW& LM).

**Target beneficiaries-**

- All Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers, excluding PW&LM who are in regular employment with the Central Government or the State Governments or PSUs or those who are in receipt of similar benefits under any law for the time being in force.
- All eligible Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers who have their pregnancy on or after 01.01.2017 for the first child in the family.

▪ **In case of Miscarriage/Still Birth :**

- A beneficiary is eligible to receive benefits under the scheme only once.
- After receiving the 1st instalment, if the beneficiary has a miscarriage, she would only be eligible for receiving 2nd and 3rd instalment in event of future pregnancy subject to fulfilment of eligibility criterion and conditionalities of the scheme.

- Similarly, if the beneficiary has a miscarriage or still birth after receiving 1 st and 2nd instalments, she would only be eligible for receiving 3rd instalment in event of future pregnancy subject to fulfilment of eligibility criterion and conditionalities of the scheme.
- **In case of Infant Mortality:**
  - A beneficiary is eligible to receive benefits under the scheme only once.
  - That is, in the case of infant mortality, she will not be eligible for claiming benefits under the scheme, if she has already received all the instalments of the maternity benefit under PMMVY earlier.
- Pregnant and Lactating AWWs/ AWHs/ ASHA may also avail the benefits under the PMMVY subject to fulfilment of scheme conditionalities.