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My dear Mr. Sadananda Gowda

As you are aware, Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) is a safe motherhood scheme that aims to reduce maternal and infant mortality by promoting institutional deliveries among pregnant women through provision of financial assistance. Since its inception in 2005, the JSY has been a phenomenal success both in terms of number of beneficiaries covered and utilisation of funds. While only 7.35 lakhs beneficiaries were covered during 2005-2006, the number of beneficiaries reached 113 lakhs during 2010-2011.

2. It has been pointed out in various fora that there are delays in making payments to the beneficiaries in several States. There are also allegations that beneficiaries are not getting the full financial assistance as per entitlement. Instances of fraudulent payments and leakages have also been reported.

3. Keeping in view the scale and importance of the scheme, I would request you to review the progress in your State and give necessary direction for ensuring the following so that the implementation of JSY could be further streamlined:

- (1) Full amount of financial assistance under the JSY should be given to the beneficiaries before they are discharged from the health facility after delivery.
- (2) All payments should be made through cheques only.
- (3) Strict monitoring of the scheme be carried out, including verification of the beneficiaries, in order to check any malpractices.
- (4) Activate grievance redressal mechanisms as stipulated under JSY at the District and State level.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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