

Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) is a safe motherhood intervention under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). This scheme is in operation in Kerala from 2005-06 and is implemented with the objective of reducing maternal and infant mortality by promoting institutional delivery. The beneficiaries are pregnant women falling in the BPL category, aged 19 years and above and also SC&ST categories opting deliveries in public or accredited private health institutions.

Cash Assistance under JSY

BPL or SC/ST mothers from Rural area who are delivering in Government Hospitals/ Accredited Private Hospitals- ` 700/-

BPL or SC/ST mothers from Municipal/Corporation area who are delivering in Government Hospital/Accredited private Hospitals -`600/-

Home delivery- ` 500/-

As the scheme targets the poor women who would generally be short of cash, it is ensured that the cash assistance provided under the scheme is made available to her in shortest possible time. Implementation of Janani Suraksha Yojana has shown phenomenal progress in the last three years in the State, with number of women benefiting out of it increasing considerably over the year This has been attributed to an increase in mass awareness and also by making the procedures simple. The State government has ordered to make all payments in one installment before discharge from the health care institutions after delivery. This facility can be availed on producing any document that proves the income status or caste in case of SC/ST