

Pitiable Condition of Children in India

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the condition of children in the country is pitiable and the circumstances under which they are brought up, their mental and physical development is not possible;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government for the welfare of the children in the country and especially in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan; and

(c) the amount sanctioned for the child welfare schemes during 1990-91

and the amount proposed to be sanctioned during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (c) There are no such findings available on national level in this regard. However, Government have undertaken, in terms of National Policy for Children 1974, various programmes to ensure the mental and physical development of children. Some of the major child development and welfare programmes are: Integrated Child Development Services, Early Childhood Education, Creches for Children, Wheat-based Nutrition, Balwadi Nutrition, Universal Immunisation Programme, Oral Rehydration Therapy, MCH Programme and Centrally sponsored Scheme for the welfare of children in Need of Care and Protection. A statement showing the details of major programmes and amount sanctioned during 1990-91 and proposed to be sanctioned during 1991-92 is attached.

STATEMENT

Statement showing the amounts sanctioned towards Child Welfare Programmes in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan during 1990-91 and 1991-92

S.No.	Programmes	(Rs. in Lakhs)						
		Uttar Pradesh		Madhya Pradesh		Rajasthan		
		1990-91	1991-92	1990-91	1991-92	1990-91	1991-92	
1.	Integrated Child Development Services	. . . . .	2422.89 (305 projects)	2387.22 (305 projects)	1814.89 (209 projects)	1840.49 (209 projects)	1270.69 (109 projects)	1296.84 (109 projects)
2.	Creches for Children	. . . . .	112.68 (885 creches)	112.68 (885 creches)	186.78 (1467 creches)	186.78 (1467 creches)	88.74 (697 creches)	88.74 (697 creches)
3.	Holiday Camps for Children	. . . . .	6.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	2.46	2.50
4.	Children in Need of Care and Protection	. . . . .	.89	..	6.41	1.69	11.82	3.04
5.	National Children's Fund	. . . . .	..	..	3.25	..	4.58	..
6.	Wheat-based Nutrition Programme	. . . . .	10.00	..	20.00	..	60.00	..
7.	Early Childhood Education Assistance to Voluntary Agencies	. . . . .	62.91	63.00	24.46	25.00	20.25	22.00
			(937 ECE centres)	(937 ECE centres)	(354 ECE centres)	(354 ECE centres)	(280 ECE centres)	(280 ECE centres)
8.	Universal Immunisation Programme	. . . . .	168.31	212.77	99.56	135.30	76.56	101.64
9.	Oral Rehydration Therapy	. . . . .	120.64	130.85	57.20	62.40	39.90	41.57