

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in the age group of six years about 25% children lie uncovered even after 26 years of enforcement of the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any shortcomings have been noticed in the implementation of the scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken to rectify these shortcomings?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a)&(b) Currently, the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme covers 5652 ICDS Blocks with coverage of about 283 lakh children in 0-6 years age group. Due to constraint of resource, it has not been possible to make complete coverage of all targeted beneficiaries.

(c)&(d) The constraints of the Scheme include, shortage of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) with reference to the present population; inadequate budget provision by States to meet the cost of Supplementary Nutrition as per nutrition norms of the Scheme; eligible beneficiaries beyond normal registration norms are left out, etc. The steps that are being taken include, expansion of the Scheme; impressing upon States to make adequate budget provision for Supplementary Nutrition and to ensure registration of all eligible beneficiaries in accordance with the norms of the Scheme; qualitative improvement in service delivery etc.