

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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WORLD SUMMIT ON CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India had committed itself to meet the goals set at the 1990 World for children for achieving the targets for some child care programme;
- (b) if so, whether it was decided to reduce the rate of malnutrition amongst the children under the five years of age;
- (c) if so, the progress made in this regard; and
- (d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide basic necessities to the children?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

- (a) The World Summit for Children held in 1990 adopted a Declaration that included goals for the survival, growth and development of children.
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) the underweight prevalence among children under five reduced from 53.4% (NFHS-I, 1992-93) to 47%(NFHS-II, 1998- 99).
- (d) Several Ministries and Departments are implementing various schemes and programmes for the welfare and development of children. Some of the schemes and programmes are Integrated Child Development Services; BalikaSamridhi Yojana; Reproductive and Child Health Programme; Integrated Programme for Street Children; Integrated Programme for Juvenile Justice; Programme for Elimination of Child Labour etc.