

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

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CHILD WELFARE PROJECT  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been invited to a news-item with the caption "official apathy hits child welfare project" which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' on the 3rd September, 2002;
- (b) if so, the facts and details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for which the new vehicles have not been provided to programme incharge for conducting the field inspection every day; and
- (d) the remedial measures taken by the Government to ensure regular field inspections?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The news-item speaks about Integrated Child Development Programme run under the aegis of United Nations Development Project. There is no such programme under the aegis of UNDP.

However, the Department of Women & Child Development is implementing through State Governments/ UT Administrations, a Centrally Sponsored Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, which aims at holistic development of children below 6 years and pregnant & lactating mothers by providing a package of services which include supplementary nutrition, immunization, health check-up, referral services, nutrition and health education and non-formal education.

The reports received from States do not indicate that the implementation of this Scheme has been affected due to official apathy.

(c)&(d) The news-item in question refers to non-availability of vehicles to programme in-charge in Delhi. No proposal has been received from Delhi Government for new vehicles in replacement of scrapped vehicles, under the ICDS Scheme.