

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:330  
ANSWERED ON:04.02.2004  
WELFARE OF WOMEN AND CHILD  
RATTAN LAL KATARIA

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

- (a) steps taken by the Government for the Women`s empowerment and Child Welfare during the last three years;
- (b) the steps to be taken in the Tenth Five Year Plan for Womens` Empowerment and Child Welfare especially pertaining to nutrition, childcare, immunization and early education; and
- (c) the amount earmarked for this purpose?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINIS OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.330 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 04.12.2003 BY SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA REGARDING WELFARE OF WOMEN AND CHILD.

(a) & (b): Recognizing that increase in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) or per capita income alone is not the sole objective of national planning, the Tenth Five Year Plan has identified certain monitorable targets and indicators for development of women and children (human development) as listed below:-

CHILDREN :

1 A National Charter for Children to ensure that no child remains illiterate, hungry or lacks medical care.

2 Introduction of a bill to constitute the National Commission for Children.

3 Reduction in Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) to 45 per 1000 live births by 2007 and to 28 by 2012.

4 All children in school by 2003.

5 All children to complete eight years of quality education by 2010.

6 Reduction in gender gaps in literacy by at least 50 per cent by 2007.

7 Increase in literacy rates to 75% within the plan period.

8 A special component plan known as National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level (NPGEL) under the Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan.

NUTRITION :

9 Constitution of a National Nutrition Mission with Prime Minister as the Chairman.

10 Bring down the prevalence of under-weight children under three years from the current level of 47 per cent to 40 per cent.

11 Reduce prevalence of severe mal-nutrition in children in the 0-6 years age group by 50 per cent.

12 Increase the off-take of food grains from the Central pool under welfare schemes such as Annapurna, Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), Food for Work Programme, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), and Mid-Day Meal Programme for school children along with Public Distribution Schemes.

13 Achieving 100% coverage for the six vaccine preventable diseases, namely tuberculosis, diphtheria, pertussis, poliomyelitis, measles and tetanus.

WOMEN :

14 Evolve an action plan for Empowerment of Women.

15 Increase women's access to credit through setting up of Development Bank for women entrepreneurs in the small and tiny sectors.

16 Special schemes such as Kalyani, Priyadarshini, etc by public sector banks for the betterment of women.

17 A new scheme known as Swadhar for the benefit of women in difficult circumstances, such as widows, women prisoners released from jail and women survivors of natural disasters, etc.

(c): The Tenth Plan allocation under some of the major women and child care programmes, covering health, nutrition, immunization and education is as follows:

(Rupees in crore)

1 Immunization under Reproductive & Child Health Programme 1410.00

2 Nutrition including Additional Central Assistance under Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana 5658.00

3 Mahila Samakhya 98.48

4 National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level (NPGEL) 1064.80

5 Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) 10391.75

Total 18623.03