

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1006

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STATE WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT MINISTER AND SECRETARIES MEET

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

- (a) whether a National Consultation on "State Women and Child Development Minister and Secretaries" was held recently;
- (b) if so, the details of the matter discussed at the Meeting; and
- (c) the extent to which both Centre and States are willing to cooperate in implementing the child development programmes?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir. A National Consultation of State Women and Child Development Ministers & Secretaries was held on 6th – 7th July, 2005.

(b) The issues discussed in the Consultation, inter-alia, included, Universalization of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme with Quality; Operationalisation of all pending ICDS Projects and Anganwadi Centres; Strengthening supplementary nutritional support; Enhancing Quality – Outreach for children under three years; Child Friendly Anganwadi Centres, Monitoring and evaluation mechanism etc.

(c) Both, the Centre and States, renewed their commitment to vigorously implement the ICDS Programme.