

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EDUCATION TO STREET CHILDREN

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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had formulated a scheme aiming at providing opportunities to working street children to facilitate their entry/re-entry into mainstream education;

(b) if so, whether the said scheme has come into force;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the areas so included and the achievement made so far under the said scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b),(c)&(d) The scheme named " Scheme for Welfare of Working Children in Need of Care & Protection" is being implemented from the financial year 2004-05. The objective of the scheme is to provide opportunities for non-formal education, vocational training, etc. to working children to facilitate their entry/re- entry into mainstream education.

The scheme is being implemented in urban areas allover the country except the areas covered by the existing schemes of the Ministry of Labour. The amount released and number of beneficiaries since 2004-05 upto 2006-07 (till date) are as under:

| Year (Rs. in lakhs) | Amount released beneficiaries | Number of |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| 2004-05 | 7.55 | 292 |
| 2005-06 | 111.92 | 1800 |
| 2006-07 (till date) | 39.53 | 900 |