

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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MALNOURISHED CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the report of the CAG(Civil) more than 55% of children in the States are malnourished in the year 2004-05;
- (b) if so, whether the impact of Integrated Child Development Services were marginalized on health and nutritional status of children in the State of Madhya Pradesh including other States;
- (c) if so, whether the procurement of sub standard nutritional food and non-observance of prescribed procedure in procurement were also responsible for this;
- (d) whether the Union Government has asked a report from the State government in this regard;
- (e) if so, the response of States; and
- (f) the total assistance provided by the Union Government in this regard during the last three years and utilization made thereof by the States?

Answer

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

- (a) The National level data on undernourishment among children is compiled through the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) conducted by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. As per NFHS-2 (1998-99), 55.1% of children below 3 years of age in Madhya Pradesh are underweight. The report of CAG (Civil) appears to have used this NFHS data only.
- (b) The performance of the ICDS Scheme has been evaluated by several agencies in the past, the latest being the one conducted by National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) in 2005-06. The Evaluation report has revealed that:

~ The percentage of severely malnourished children in the age group 0-3 years reduced from 7% in 1992 to 1% in 2006 and in case of children in the age group 3-5 years it reduced from 4% in 1992 to 0.8% in 2006.

~ The percentage of children with low birth weight decreased from 41 in 1992 to 29 in 2006.

To reduce malnutrition amongst children, Bal Sanjivini Campaign is being carried out in Madhya Pradesh since 2001. As per the data of 8th round (May 2006) of Bal Sanjivini Campaign, the prevalence of malnutrition has come down to 49.21% in the State. However, the work relating to NFHS-3 (2005-06) is currently underway and its findings are expected by the year end. Data on extent of malnutrition amongst children in Madhya Pradesh, which could be compared with that of NFHS-2, would, thus, be available by year end only.

(c), (d) & (e): Facts shall be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

(f): The details of grant-in-aid released by the Government of India and the expenditure incurred by the States under the Integrated Child Development Services

(ICDS) Scheme during the last three years are as under:-

Year	Total funds released (Rs.in crore)	Total expenditure reported by the States (Rs. In crore)
2003-04	1458.68	1735.43
2004-05	1726.55	1795.25
2005-06	3273.99	2666.65

includes Rs. 974.59 crore released for supplementary nutrition

the expenditure by 27 States/UTs only from whom reports have been received so far.