

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1809

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OPENING OF CRECHES

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

- (a) the total number of crèches opened in the country as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the total amount released and utilized during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal from various States particularly from Madhya Pradesh regarding sanctioning of more crèches under National Creche Fund Scheme, Stat-wise;
- (d) if so, the names of the organizations for which said proposals have been sent;
- (e) the status of the said proposal and amount likely to be spent on them, State-wise;
- (f) whether the Union Government is monitoring the functioning of crèches;
- (g) if so, the details thereof;
- (h) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding misutilisation of funds; and
- (i) if so, the action taken by the government against them? ANSWER

Answer

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

- (a) Under the Scheme 22,038 creches are functioning across the country. State- wise location of the crèches is available on our website www.wcd.nic.in.
- (b) Statement is annexed.
- (c),(d)&(e) National crèche fund has been merged with the Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organization for running crèches for the children of Working/Ailing mothers, a revised scheme has been launched namely Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme for the children of Working Mothers w.e.f. 1.1.2006.
- (f)&(g) The monitoring of the crèches would be conducted through independent monitoring agencies, which could ensure that each crèche is visited at least once in two years.
- (h) No, Sir.
- (i) Does not arise.