

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

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DAY CARE AND CRECHE FACILITIES  
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**Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to restructure and strengthen the ICDS to include provision of day care/creche facilities in pre-school education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) the time by which the proposal is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

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

(a),(b)&(c) There is no proposal to include provision of day care/creche facilities in pre-school education component of ICDS. However, several steps have been taken by the Government to increase the effectiveness and impact of the ICDS Scheme during the recent past, which include:

- # Expansion of the Scheme to additional 467 Projects and 1.88 lakh Anganwadi Centres;
- # Doubling of financial norms for supplementary nutrition;
- # Sharing of 50% cost of supplementary nutrition with the States;
- # Increase in the rent of Anganwadi Centres;
- # Constant emphasis on States to:
- # Operationalise all sanctioned Projects and Anganwadi Centres (AWCs);
- # Fill up all vacant posts of ICDS functionaries;
- # Ensure regular supply of supplementary nutrition as per schematic norms;
- # Make available medicine and pre-school education kits in all AWCs;
- # Ensure effective convergence of health nutrition, education and safe drinking water services under various programmes.