

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a): the details of the Supplementary Nutrition Programme;
- (b): whether the Government proposes to revise the rates of nutritious food in view of the price rise;
- (c): if so, the details thereof; and
- (d): the time by which revised rates are likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) to (d) : Supplementary nutrition is one of the six services under the Integrated Child Development Services [ICDS] Scheme. Under the Scheme, children below six years of age and pregnant and lactating mothers are required to be provided Supplementary Nutrition, in accordance with Guidelines issued by Government of India on 24.02.2009 and endorsed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its Order dated 22.04.2009. The provision of Supplementary Nutrition prescribed for various categories of beneficiaries is as follows:

[i] Children in the age group of 6 months to 3 years: Food supplement of 500 calories of energy and 12-15 gms. of protein per child per day as Take Home Ration [THR] in the form of Micronutrient Fortified Food and/or energy-dense Food marked as 'ICDS Food Supplement'.

[ii] Children in the age group of 3-6 years: Food supplement of 500 calories of energy and 12-15 gms. of protein per child per day. Since a child of this age group is not capable of consuming a meal of 500 calories in one sitting, the guidelines prescribe provision of morning snack in the form of milk/banana/seasonal fruits/Micronutrient Fortified Food etc. and a Hot Cooked Meal.

[iii] Severely under weight children: Food supplement of 800 calories of energy and 20-25 gms. of protein per child per day in the form of Micro-nutrient fortified food and/or energy dense food as Take Home Ration.

[iv] Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers: Food supplement of 600 calories of energy and 18-20 gms of protein per beneficiary per day in the form of micronutrient Fortified Food and/or energy dense food as Take Home Ration.

The financial norms of Supplementary Nutrition Programme [SNP] for children [6 months to 72 months], severely underweight children [6 months to 72 months] and pregnant women and lactating mothers are Rs. 4.00, Rs.6.00 and Rs.5.00 per beneficiary per day, respectively. They have been revised w.e.f. 7th November, 2008.

At present, there is no proposal to revise the rates further.