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INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES(ICDS) SCHEME

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

- (a): the programme being implemented under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme in the country including Bihar;
- (b): the details of funds allocated and utilised by the State Governments during each of the last three years and the current year so far;
- (c): whether the norms laid down under ICDS Scheme are being flouted;
- (d): if so, the corrective action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (e): whether the Government proposes to restructure the pre-school education component of ICDS Scheme so as to develop a comprehensive approach towards the early childhood development;
- (f): if so, the details thereof; and
- (g): if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a): The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is a Centrally-sponsored Scheme implemented through the State Governments/UT Administrations, including the State of Bihar.

The Scheme provides a package of six services viz. supplementary nutrition, pre-school non-formal education, nutrition & health education, immunization, health check-up and referral services. Three services viz. Immunization, health check-up and referral services are provided in convergence with Public Health Systems.

(b), (c) & (d) : The funds are released as per Schematic norms and Statement of Expenditure. In the instances where it is observed that norms are not being followed, attention of State Governments is drawn for taking corrective actions adhere to norms like in provision of kits, construction of AWCs in North-eastern Region etc. The details of funds released by Government of India and utilized by the State Governments during each of the last three years and the funds released for the current year by Government of India are given in the Statement annexed.

(e) to (g) : The Government has increased the norms for pre-school education kits from Rs.500/- to Rs.1000/- per Anganwadi Centre, per annum w.e.f. 2009-10 and constituted a Committee for Early Childhood Education to deliberate the matter with different stakeholders & experts.