

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

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

- (a) : whether the Government has any scheme to provide foodgrains free-of-cost to girls and pregnant women suffering from the malnutrition;
- (b) : if so, the details thereof;
- (c) : the quantum of foodgrains allotted to States for the said purpose, State-wise; and
- (d) : the number of girls and women benefited under the said scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : Food grains are provided to undernourished adolescent girls (11-19 years) under Nutrition Programme for Adolescent Girls (NPAG) implemented as a pilot project in 51 identified districts in the country.

The Scheme was launched in 2002-03. Till 2003-04, 6 kgs of food grains were provided to under nourished adolescent girls and pregnant and lactating mothers. Pregnant and lactating mothers were excluded from coverage under the Scheme 2005-06 onwards as they were covered under ICDS Scheme for SNP benefits. Undernourished adolescent girls with body weight less than 30 kg in the age group of 11-15 years and 35 kg in the age group of 15-19 years are eligible in the pilots districts.

(c) and (d) : State wise quantum of foodgrains allotted and the number of girls benefitted under NPAG as reported by States during last three years is at Annexure-I.