

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) : the details of allocation of foodgrains in various State Governments including Kerala under the Wheat Based Nutrition Programme (WBNP) during each of the last three years and the current year so far;
- (b) : the details of off-take of foodgrains by various State Governments during the said period, State-wise;
- (c) : the details of cost of supplementary food provided under the programme;
- (d) : the number of beneficiaries from supplementary nutrition programme and pre- school education during the said period, State-wise; and
- (e) : the details of micronutrient fortification alongwith the likely time by which it is implemented throughout the country including Kerala?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : The quantity of foodgrains allocated to States/UTs under Wheat Based Nutrition Programme (WBNP) during the last three years and the off-take reported by the State/ UTs including Kerala during the said period are at Annex-I. Allocation of foodgrains under the Programme during the current financial year (2010-11) has not been made. Under WBNP, foodgrains (Wheat and Rice) are provided to the States/UTs at BPL rates (currently, Rs.415/- per Quintal for Wheat and Rs.565/- per Quintal for Rice), the cost of which is part of Supplementary Nutrition Programme of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme.

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.

(d) : A statement indicating the number of beneficiaries of Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) and Pre-school education under Programme (SNP) and Pre-school education under ICDS Scheme during the last 3 years, including, the number as on 31.12.2009 is at Annex II.

(e) : Government has prescribed Nutritional and Feeding norms for Supplementary Nutrition in the ICDS Scheme, which inter-alia provide for Take Home Ration (THR) in the form of micronutrient fortified food for specified category of beneficiaries. A copy of these guidelines dated 24.02.2009 is at Annex III.