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NIPCCD

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

(a) whether the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) has conducted an evaluation study entitled 'Three Decades of ICDS';

(b) if so, the details thereof along with any shortcomings found in the implementation of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for effectively implementation of ICDS?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The study covered 150 ICDS Projects from 35 States/UTs covering rural, urban and tribal projects. An executive summary of the study and findings is available at the Ministry's website (www.wcd.nic.in) in Child Development Section.

(c) Several steps have been taken by the Government of India in the recent past to increase the effectiveness of the delivery of services under ICDS. Some of these are:

(i) Universalization of ICDS scheme through the third phase of expansion of the scheme sanctioning 789 additional Projects, 1.89 lakh additional AWCs and 77102 Mini-AWCs with special focus on coverage of SC/ST and Minority population.

(ii) Revision in cost norms of existing interventions;

(iii) Revision in nutritional and feeding norms of supplementary nutrition;

(iv) Provision of flexi-funds at Anganwadi center level;

(v) Introduction of new World Health Organization (WHO) Growth Standards etc.