

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FOODGRAINS FOR MALNOURISHED GIRLS AND PREGNANT WOMEN

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

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to provide foodgrains to the malnourished girls and pregnant women free of cost in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the quantum of foodgrains allocated to the States for this purpose, State-wise; and
- (d) the number of malnourished girls and pregnant women benefited through this scheme during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): There is no proposal to provide foodgrains to malnourished girls and pregnant women free of cost. However, Pregnant women are provided Take Home Rations under ICDS Scheme. Beside Under the Nutrition Programme for Adolescent Girls (NPAG), 6 kgs of free foodgrains, per month, per beneficiary were being provided to undernourished Adolescent Girls (11-19 years) in 51 selected districts across the Country until 2009-10. The number of undernourished girls benefited under NPAG in last three years in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 was 23.26 lakh, 30.61 lakh and 20.53 lakh respectively.

NPAG has now been subsumed in Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (RGSEAG) from 2010-11 and under which Hot Cooked Meal/Take Home Ration would be given to the beneficiaries.