

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

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

- (a) whether the Union Government invited the suggestions from the States including Rajasthan to improve the nutrition delivery programme;
- (b) if so, the details of the main suggestions received in this regard;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to revamp the nutrition delivery programme on the basis of suggestions received from the States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the funds sanctioned, released and utilized by the State Governments during each of the last three years and the current year in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (f): The States/UTs, were requested in July, 2009, for suggestions on mechanisms for better delivery of services and efficiency in the implementation of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme. Suggestions have been received from 22 States/UTs, including Rajasthan. The suggestions received inter-alia, include the following:

# ensuring economic security of the family;

# Panchayati Raj Institutions be actively involved in monitoring and evaluation of the services of Anganwadis and assess comparative performances with other Anganwadi Centres(AWCs);

# Improving the infrastructure facilities at AWCs;

# creating a mechanism for accountability;

# increasing the cost norms of supplementary nutrition programme and compensate the local community and SHGs for distribution of supplementary nutrition and

# promoting effective convergence with line Departments.

These suggestions from States/UT would be given due consideration for improving the implementation of the ICDS Scheme.

Funds sanctioned/released and utilized by State Governments, during 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 (upto November 2010) are given below:

Rs. in Crore

	Release	Expenditure reported
2007-08	5257.09	7526.69
2008-09	6379.36	8954.43
2009-10	8157.42	12638.36
2010-11 (upto Nov 2010)	5947.83	2331.58

Expenditure reported by States/UTs includes State shares

The above figures includes all components like Training, LIC and KSY (till 2009-10)