

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide nutrition security to children upto the age of 0-14 years ;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to launch an Integrated Nutrition Scheme all over the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): The Government has accorded priority to the issue of malnutrition, and has been implementing several schemes/ programmes of different Ministries/Departments through State Governments/UTs which impact, directly or indirectly, the nutrition status.

Some of the direct interventions on nutrition are (i) Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme, (ii) Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDM), (iii) National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), & (iv) Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (RGSEAG)- SABLA in 200 districts and Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY) – The CMB on pilot basis in 52 districts.

Besides these, schemes such as Drinking Water and Total Sanitation Campaign, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MNREGS), etc indirectly impact the nutrition of children. Many of these schemes namely ICDS, NRHM, MDM and MNREGS have been expanded recently to provide for increased coverage and improved services which would further improve the nutrition status.

As of now, there is no proposal to provide nutrition security and Integrated Nutrition Scheme all over the country.