

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether her Ministry has received the recommendations of National Advisory Council specially on child nutrition;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken by her Ministry on these recommendations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINSITRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVLOPMENT (SHRI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) to (c): National Advisory Council (NAC) has made a number of recommendations which call for new strategies and reforms that address institutional, programmatic and managerial gaps in the delivery of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme. The recommendations relating to child nutrition inter-alia include Balanced and nutritious diet including proper food and freshly cooked meals; Early Childhood care and development; Growth monitoring; Care of severely malnourished children; Education and counseling; IEC; Convergence through Village- level Fixed Health and Nutrition Days (VFHND); Convergence through community-managed Health, Nutrition and Day-Care Centres (HNDCCs) etc.

These are to be achieved through programmatic, management and institutional reforms in ICDS.

The NAC recommendations have been given due consideration while formulating the proposal on Strengthening and Restructuring of ICDS.