

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted a meeting with the Ministers of Women and Child Development of States to strengthen the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the rate and quantity of supplementary food being provided to children in Anganwadi Centres; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): A Conference of State Ministers on ICDS and Malnutrition was held on 20th, 21st and 22nd July 2011 under the Chairpersonship of Minister of State (Independent Charge), Women and Child Development. The issues raised and discussed included operationalization of AWCs, vacancies at different levels, welfare measures for front-line workers, issues relating to Supplementary Nutrition including delivery and non-adherence to cost norms, disruptions, supply of material for pre-school non-formal education, promotion of IYCF practices, focus on under 3s, health and nutrition education, convergence and issues of financial management as well as infrastructure. Strengthening and restructuring of ICDS were also deliberated upon. The issue of malnutrition including the need for identification and management of under-nourished children, constitution of State Nutrition Councils etc. was also discussed.

(C) & (d): The Government in Ministry of Women & Child Development has initiated the process of Strengthening and Restructuring of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, under which, along with other initiatives/interventions, the proposal for revising the cost norms of Supplementary Nutrition Programme and linking it with Consumer Price Index are also included. However, there is no proposal to increase the quantity of SNP being provided to children in Anganwadi Centres except in the case of severely undernourished children for which norms and guidelines would be framed.