

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SCHEME FOR OUT OF SCHOOL ADOLESCENT GIRLS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched any scheme to provide health check-ups, counselling for nutrition, personal-hygiene management and skill development training for out-of-school adolescent girls including SC/ST girls;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise including Karnataka and
- (c) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be launched?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes Madam; the Government has launched, a Centrally-sponsored scheme called "Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls" - Sabla primarily for out of school adolescent girls (11-18 years) including SC/ST girls.

The scheme is being implemented in 200 districts across the country on a pilot basis through the State Governments using the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) platform. The number of districts State-wise is at Annex I. The scheme has two major components namely, nutrition and non-nutrition. Under the nutrition component, the Adolescent Girls (AGs) are provided Take Home Rations (THR) or Hot Cooked Meals as feasible. While under the non-nutrition component, the AGs are provided information on topics like-nutrition, health, family welfare and adolescent reproductive & sexual health (ARSH). The scheme also provides for regular health check up, supply of IFA tablets, mainstreaming out of school AGs into school system, life skill education and vocational training. The scheme is expected to cover nearly one crore AGs annually. In Karnataka, nine (9) districts are covered namely, Gulbarga, Kolar, Bangalore, Bijapur, Bellary, Dharward, Chikmagalur, Uttara Kannada, Kodagu.

The Sabla has been launched in November 2010.