

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

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FOOD GRAINS TO MALNOURISHED GIRLS AND PREGNANT WOMEN  
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**Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the schemes which provide foodgrains to malnourished girls and pregnant women free of cost in the country;
- (b) the quantity of foodgrains allocated for the said purpose; State-wise;
- (c) the number of girls and the women benefited under the said schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and;
- (d) the achievement made in regard to overall improvement in the health of girls and pregnant women under the said schemes?

**Answer**

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

(a): Since, 2005-06 Nutrition Programme for Adolescent Girls NPAG was being implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development on pilot basis in 51 identified districts. Under the scheme 6 Kg of free food grains per beneficiary per month were provided to undernourished adolescent girls (11-19 years) only as pregnant women & lactating mothers are covered under ICDS. Eligibility was determined on the basis of their weight i.e. body weight less than 30 kg in the age group of 11 – below 15 years and 35 kg in the age group of 15 – 19 years. With the launch of Sabla in 200 districts from 2010-11, the scheme NPAG has ceased to operate as all the districts of NPAG have been subsumed under Sabla.

(b) & (c): Statement indicating food grains allocated and the number of girls benefitted under the scheme State-wise in 2008-09 and 2009-10 is at Annex.I. With the launch of Sabla, the scheme NPAG was discontinued from 2010-11.

(d): Year wise number of beneficiaries, which crossed the cut of point of body weight during 2008-09 and 2009-10, is as under:

Year Beneficiaries Achieved Cut off point

2008-09 1,31,239

2009-10 57,916

2010-11 & NPAG was not implemented as all the  
2011-12 districts have been covered under Sabla