

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1675
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UNICEF REPORT ON STATE OF WORLD`S CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether United Nations International Children Fund (UNICEF) report on State of World's Children has indicated that children living in 49,000 slums in India are vulnerable and five States namely, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat accounts for half of these slums in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the report further states that children in rural areas are better than urban children living in slums as most of the Government Programme in many sectors like education, health are concentrated in rural areas;
- (c) whether UNICEF has urged the Indian Government to remove the barriers of inclusion and ensure access to the basic facilities of children in the country; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Government on the report of the UNICEF ?

Answer

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

- (a)to(b): No, Madam.
- (c): The Report has urged action by all stakeholders globally and has not made any specific recommendation to Govt. of India.
- (d): Does not arise.