

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

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SHISHU GREH  
Singh Shri Ijyaraj ;Singh Shri Ratan

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

- (a) whether the number of Shishu Greh has decreased in the country as compared to the previous year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The adoption agencies getting financial assistance under the erstwhile Scheme of the Ministry, namely, 'Scheme of Assistance to Homes for Children (Shishu Grehs) to Promote In-Country Adoptions' were known as 'Shishu Grehs'. The Scheme has been merged into centrally sponsored Integrated Child Protection Scheme and adoption agencies are now termed as Specialised Adoption Agencies (SAAs) as provided under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act. The number of SAAs for which financial assistance has been provided by the Ministry of Women and Child Development under ICPS has increased from 143 in 2010-11 to 196 in 2011-12. Besides, there are adoption agencies registered on Central Adoption Resource Authority's online portal, namely Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System (CARINGS) which are not availing grants under ICPS.

(c): Does not arise.