

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

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

- (a) the State-wise details of Nutritional Rehabilitation Centre in the country;
- (b) whether the National Nutrition Council on India's Nutrition challenges provides food only to infants and not to the rest of the family;
- (c) if so, whether Government intends to widen its scope; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): The Government of India through the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is facilitating the states in setting up Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs) to address severe undernutrition and underlying complications. The number of NRCs, State-wise is Annexed.

The Prime Minister's National Council for India's Nutrition Challenges is for giving policy directions and for reviewing & achieving effective coordination amongst various programmes. There are various programmes for provision of food/supplementary nutrition.

Supplementary nutrition as a gap filling measure is provided to children below six years of age, pregnant and nursing mothers as one of the services under the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme (ICDS). Under Mid-Day-Meal food is provided to children 6-14 years of age, for school going children from class I to class VIII. Under Integrated Child Protection Schemes (ICPS) and creche Scheme also support is given to the eligible children for food as per norms of the Scheme. The recently introduced Rajiv Gandhi Schemes for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (RGSEAG), namely SABLA provides a package of services including health and nutrition to adolescent girls in the age group of 11-14 years for out of school girls and 15-18 years for all girls for nutrition in 200 districts as a pilot. Another new scheme, the Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY) through cash assistance as an enabling environment for improved health and nutrition to pregnant and lactating mothers and support for providing early & exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of life on pilot basis in 52 districts initially. There is availability of essential food items at subsidized cost through Targeted Public Distribution System, Antodaya Anna Yojna for general public. Government has also introduced Food Security Bill in the Lok Sabha. With these measures in place, the scope is already comprehensive.