

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

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PRIVATISATION OF ICDS SCHEME
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to privatise or handover the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme to corporate/Non- Governmental Organisations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has consulted the public representatives and concerned people in this connection; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Scheme of ICDS is a Centrally Sponsored Programme implemented through the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Scheme, since inception, envisaged involvement of Voluntary Organisations, Central Social Welfare Board, local bodies, Panchayati Raj Institutions; (where these are functioning efficiently) etc. to be actively involved in this Programme for implementation, soliciting community support etc. There is no proposal to privatize the ICDS.