

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

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ASSESSMENT OF NUTRITION

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

- (a) whether the Government has ever assessed the loss to nation due to calories/energy nutrition deficit in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) In a report captioned `National Strategy to Reduce Childhood Malnutrition` (December, 1997), prepared by Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad, the annual productivity loss due to major mainutrition disorders in India had been estimated as 3-9% of GDP in 1956

(d) To improve the nutritional status of people incliding intake of calories/energy, the Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme (ICDS) wherein children below 6 years of age are provided a package of six services namely supplementary nutrion, immunization, health check-up, referral services, pre-school non-formal education and nutrition & health education.

The ICDS programme has since been revamped wherein the nutritional feeding and finacial norms have been enhanced. The revised norms are us under:

Category	Revised Rates (Per beneficiary per day)	Calories (Kcal)	Protein (g)	Revised Nutritional Norms
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(i) Children	Rs.4.00	500	12-15	(6-72 mths)
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(ii) Severely malnourished Children	Rs. 6.00	800	20-25	(6 months-72 months)
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(iii) Pregnant women and Nursing mothers	Rs. 5.00	600	18-20	
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Besides the ICDS programme, Government is implementing a number of programmes throughout the country,which directly or indirectly improve the nutritional status of women and children. A list of the Schemes being implemented by various Ministries is Annexed.

