

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRE SCHOOL EDUCATION KIT IN AWCS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount allocated for pre-school education kit for the Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) running across the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the names of the States which have not supplied pre-school education kit to AWCs; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, funds are provided to the States / UTs under ICDS (General) in the cost sharing ratio of 90:10 as Grants-in-aid for incurring expenditure on various components at approved cost norms. This includes expenditure for providing Pre-school education kit (PSE Kit) ; the present cost norm for which is Rs.1000/- per Anganwadi Centre per annum.

As per the Scheme, the States / UTs submit periodical Statement of Expenditure (SoE) indicating expenditure incurred on various components under ICDS (General) including PSE Kit. A Statement indicating the expenditure reported on Pre-school education kit by the States / UTs including names of the States which have provided / not provided PSE kits during the years 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 (upto 31.12.2011) is Annexed.

(b)& (c): The Government in Ministry of Women and Child Development have been requesting the States / UTs from time to time through letters, review meetings, field visits to incur expenditure on all the components under ICDS(General) including PSE Kit. Under the guidelines issued on 31.03.2011 for five tier Monitoring and Review Committee, the State level committee is required to monitor and review procurement and supply / availability of essential items to AWCs including Pre-school kits.