

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any assistance from United Kingdom in Integrated Child Development Services (Schem
- (e) to tackle malnutrition among children; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Government of United Kingdom through their Department for International Development (DFID) is currently providing assistance to the State Governments of Bihar, Odisha and Madhya Pradesh through State-specific Health Sector & Nutrition Improvement Programmes for improving nutritional status of children. Nutrition component of these projects are being implemented primarily through ICDS Scheme with some common objectives as agreed with the State Governments viz., (i) reduction in underweight rates among children, (ii) increased use of quality, essential health, nutrition, water and sanitation services especially by poorest people and excluded groups, and (iii) positive health, nutrition and hygiene practices and health seeking behaviour of communities improved. Amounts of financial assistance committed by DFID to Nutrition Component of the aforesaid programmes are: Odisha - ₹35 million (2009-2015), MP - ₹27 million (2011-2014) and Bihar - ₹41.4 million (2011-2016).