

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NUTRITIONAL LEVEL OF RURAL WOMEN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

that the details of the scheme in vogue to address the nutritional issues of rural women along with the achievement made thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year ?

Answer

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

The Government has accorded high priority to promote nutrition in the country and is implementing several schemes/programmes of different Ministries/Departments through State Governments/UT Administrations. The schemes/programmes include the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), Mid-Day Meal Scheme, Rajiv Gandhi Schemes for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (RGSEAG) namely SABLA, Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojna (IGMSY) as direct targeted interventions. Besides, indirect Multi-sectoral interventions include Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), National Horticulture Mission, National Food Security Mission, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Total Sanitation Campaign, National Rural Drinking Water Programme etc. All these schemes have potential to address one or other aspect of Nutrition and cover rural women.

In the ICDS programme total number of approved Anganwadi Centers (AWCs)/Mini AWCs have increased from 6 lakh, as on 31.3.2002 to 13.7 lakhs, (approved) as on date. There are 7005 operational projects and 13,17,008 operational AWCs as on 18.07.2012. The services are currently availed by 964.77 Lakh beneficiaries which include 782.53 Lakh children (6 months to 6 years) and 182.2 Lakh pregnant and lactating mothers. The total fund release for the year 2011-2012 is 14271.7 crores under the ICDS programme.

In SABLA, nearly 100 lakh adolescent girls per annum are expected to be benefitted under the scheme. For SABLA, a sum of Rs. 561.11 crore was released for the year 2011-12 to States/UTs for implementation of the scheme.

In Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY), around 12.5 lakhs pregnant & lactating women are expected to be benefitted under the scheme every year. In 2011-12, Rs 293.92 crore have been released to the States/UTs for implementation of the scheme.