

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

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UNITED NATIONS AID IN WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

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

(a) whether any financial assistance is being received by the Government from United Nations for the schemes for Women and Child Development (WCD) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government is contributing any share for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the breakup of funds provided by the Government and the United Nations during each of the last three years and the actual expenditure made therefrom, State-wise?"

Answer

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

(a): No direct financial assistance is provided by UN Agencies operating in India for the schemes of Ministry of Women and Child Development. However, UNICEF provides technical assistance to Government of India as well as State Governments. The Ministry is administering a Women Empowerment and Livelihoods Programme in the Mid - Gangetic plains (Priyadarshini). The programme is being implemented with financial assistance in terms of loan from International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) – an international financial institution of UN. Priyadarshini is a Self Help Group based programme for the holistic empowerment of women and adolescent girls in 13 blocks spread over in 7 districts viz. Madhubani and Sitamarhi in Bihar and Amethi, Shravasti, Raebareli, Sultanpur and Bahraich in Uttar Pradesh. The Ministry is the nodal agency and NABARD is the Lead Implementing Agency (LIA). No funds are given to State Governments under this programme.

(b) to (d): The total cost of Priyadarshini programme is Rs. 147.28 crore, out of which the share of Government of India is Rs. 12.28 crore. The programme was declared effective in December, 2009. The expenditure during the last three years has been Rs. 19 Lakhs (2009-10), Rs. 108 lakhs (2010-11) & Rs. 653 lakhs (2011-12).