

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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UNICEF ADOLESCENT GIRLS CLUB
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has an assessment of the number of United Nations Children's Education Fund (UNICEF) adolescent girls' clubs in the country.
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise.
- (c) whether the government is taking any steps to set up or fund similar girls clubs in the country
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard, and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The UNICEF has been facilitating adolescent girl clubs in Assam and Maharashtra. As reported by Government of Assam, 463 Adolescent Girls' clubs are operational in Dibrugarh district of Assam. In Maharashtra, as reported by the State Government, 2238 Adolescent girls groups have been formed in the year 2008 in four districts (Chandrapur, Latur, Nandurbar, Mumbai) of Maharashtra. The initiative got replicated in three more districts (Jalna, Yavatmal and Wardha) of Maharashtra in 2010 and 850 additional adolescent girls groups have been formed.

(c) to (e): The Government introduced Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (RGSEAG) - Sabla, a Centrally sponsored scheme in the year 2010-11 on a pilot basis. The scheme has two major components Nutrition and Non Nutrition Component and is being implemented in 205 districts from all the States/UTs.

Kishori Samooh (Group of Adolescent Girls) are formed at Anganwadi Centre under the scheme Sabla to provide adolescent girls with opportunities of life skill education, nutrition & health education, awareness about other socio-legal issues etc. As reported by States/UTs, nearly 3.9 lakh Kishori Samooh are operational in the country under Sabla. Since the inception of the scheme, a sum of Rs. 1108.26 crore have been released to States/UTs under Sabla. Nearly 100 lakh adolescent girls per annum are expected to be benefitted under the scheme.