

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the number of districts in which World Bank aided 'ICDS Systems Strengthening and Nutrition Improvement Project (ISSNIP)' has been implemented along with the criteria for selection of these districts;
- (b) whether specific interventions are being taken to address the problem of severe acute malnutrition through this project;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the funds allocated and released for the purpose, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a): The World Bank aided 'ICDS Systems Strengthening and Nutrition Improvement Project (ISSNIP)' has been approved and made effective from 26th November 2012. The programme will cover a total of 162 districts in eight States, viz. Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh (some of the first phase MNREGA districts) along with initiating urban pilots in and around NCR of Delhi and convergent nutrition actions pilots in some additional selected districts in two other States viz., Odisha and Uttarakhand. Except in Andhra Pradesh, selection of most of the districts are based on a composite index comprising two parameters, viz.

- (i) proportion of children below six years who are underweight (weight-for-age, <-2SD), and  
(ii) anemia level among pregnant women of age 15-44 years, based on District Level Household Survey (DLHS-2: 2002-04).

(b) & (c): The project does not have any specific intervention to address the severe acute malnutrition. However, it intends to strengthen the behavior change communications and community participation activities amongst others under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme in the selected areas to address child under-nutrition and improve the ICDS systems.

(d) The state-wise allocations are as follows:

Name of the State Allocation (Rs. Lakh)

	Phase 1 (3 years)	Phase 2 (4 years)	Total
1) Bihar	81,84.2	268,37.5	350,21.7
2) Chhattisgarh	45,02.7	147,65.1	192,67.8
3) Jharkhand	40,94.9	134,28.0	175,22.9
4) Madhya Pradesh	90,71.7	297,48.1	388,19.8

5) Maharashtra 96,03.0 314,90.3 410,93.3

6) Rajasthan 67,60.4 221,68.8 289,29.2

7) Uttar Pradesh 147,43.9 483,48.1 630,92.0

8) Andhra Pradesh 56,63.9 185,73.0 242,36.9

TOTAL (States) 62,624.7 205,358.9 267,983.6

Centre 55,46.6 157,69.8 213,16.4

Grand Total 681,71.3 2211,28.7 2893,00.00

**No funds have been released to the States till date.**