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) the targets fixed and success achieved under the National Nutrition Mission during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government achieved the targets fixed for National Nutrition Mission during the said period;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) the further steps taken by the Government for effective implementation of National Nutrition Mission in various sectors of the country including priority sector; and

(e) the funds allocated , released and utilized by the State Governments under the National Nutrition Mission since its inception, Statewise?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) : The National Nutrition Mission was set up under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister on 30th July 2003 with the following Terms of reference:

i. To review and revise the goals set out in the National Nutrition Policy, 1993 and the National Plan of Action on Nutrition, 1995 keeping in view the present nutrition profile of the country.

ii. To review the existing strategies adopted by the various Ministries concerned with nutrition and revise them for achieving the goals set out by the Mission.

iii. To put in place effective mechanism for coordinating the efforts of different Ministries concerned with implementation of nutrition programmes to sub serve the nutrition goals.

iv. To review the systems of data collection and monitoring of the nutrition status across different regions, groups and particularly the vulnerable population of the country.

v. To review research & development and dissemination in the field of nutrition, specially regarding low-cost balanced diet, safe drinking water & sanitation, women & child development and health & family welfare.

vi. To address special problems of nutrition during natural calamities.

vii. Any other nutrition related issues arising from time to time.

Three meetings of the Executive Committee of NNM has been held during 2004-2008, under the Chairmanship of MOS(IC). In these meetings, several important recommendations relating to reduction of malnutrition among women and children were made and following action taken:

I. Re-imposition of ban on sale of non-iodized salt.

II. Setting up of a Task Force on Micronutrient malnutrition.

III. Upward revision of supplementary nutrition norms and nutrition and feeding norms under the scheme ICDS.

A budget provision of Rs.1.00 crore has been kept in Budget Estimates (BE) 2009-10 for National Nutrition Mission. No State-wise allocation or release of funds has been made under National Nutrition Mission.