

**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) : whether the Government has assessed the impact of various schemes being implemented to curb the problem of malnutrition among women and children;
- (b) : if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) : the details of funds released and utilized by the State Governments during the last three years, State-wise, year-wise and scheme-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The impact of schemes being implemented by the Government has been assessed through the consecutive National Family Health Surveys undertaken by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The last such survey (NFHS-III) has been undertaken in 2005-06 which reveal that the under nutrition in children (below 3 years) has declined from 43% as per National Family Health Survey (NFHS-2), 1998-99 to 40% as per NFHS-3 (2005-06). The nutritional status of the population is the outcome of complex and inter-related set of factors and cannot be improved by the efforts of single sector or action alone.

(c) In so far as Supplementary Nutrition Programme of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme being implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development to reduce the levels of malnutrition among children below 6 years and pregnant and lactating women is concerned, a statement indicating funds released and utilized by the State Governments is available on the website of the Ministry (www.wcd.nic.in link ICDS).

Under the Integrated Education (IEN) Scheme of Food and Nutrition Board under Ministry of Women and Child Development, no State-wise allocation of funds is made. A statement indicating allocation and expenditure incurred during the last 3 year is as under:

Year Allocation Actual Exp.

2006-07	609.00	441.68
2007-08	821.00	789.90
2008-09	1007.00	535.64

The details of funds released to States under the Mid Day Meal Scheme of the Ministry of Human Resource Development are annexed as Annexure-I.