

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

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MEDICINE KITS IN ANGANWADI CENTRES  
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**Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is true that medicine kits and other relevant apparatus are not available in almost fifty per cent of the anganwadi centres across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken or proposed by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): As per the Statement of Expenditure (SoE) received from various States/UTs, 64.13% and 54.13% AWCs were provided Medicine kits during 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively. The States/UTs are required to submit their periodical Statement of Expenditure (SoE) indicating expenditure incurred on various components under ICDS (General) including Medicine kit, PSE kits etc. every year. A Statement indicating State-wise utilization (%age) of funds on Medicine kit and PSE kit is Annexed.

ICDS is a centrally sponsored scheme implemented by States/ UTs. Funds are released to States in lump sum under ICDS (General) to meet the administrative and operational cost which includes programme components like PSE Kits, Medicine Kits etc. Procurement and distribution of medicine kits and other relevant apparatus is the responsibility of the States/UTs.

(c): The Government of India has been repeatedly requesting the States/UTs to incur expenditure on all the components under ICDS (General) including Medicine Kit, PSE Kits etc. The State level committee constituted under the Five Tier Monitoring and Review Committee is required to monitor and review procurement and supply of essential items to AWCs. In the restructured ICDS, the release of funds to States have been linked to the Annual Programme Implementation Plan to ensure incurring of expenditure on all components of ICDS including medicine kit, PSE kit, etc.