

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3373
ANSWERED ON:30.08.2013
CHILDREN SURVIVING ON KERNELS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of children living in very backward and poor areas of the country surviving on kernels collected by them from animal dung;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any survey in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective measures adopted/being adopted by the Government for the welfare of such children?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As reported by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), it took cognizance of a complaint regarding a programme aired by India T.V. on 10.06.2012 showing malnourished children of tribal dominated districts washing the cow dung and collecting the seeds for their feeding. NCPCR requested the State Government of Madhya Pradesh to investigate the matter and furnish the report. The State Government denied any such incident.

(c) to (e): The Government has not conducted any survey in this regard.