

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

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

- (a) whether child care is a critical issue for working women in the country;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether Government has any proposal to improve the existing public child care facilities for working women in the country particularly in urban sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) to (d): This Ministry is implementing the Rajiv Gandhi National Crèche Scheme for the Children of Working Mothers which provides day care facilities to the children in the age group of 0-6 years from families with monthly income of less than Rs.12,000/-. The scheme, inter-alia, also provides development services i.e. supplementary nutrition, health care inputs like immunization, polio drops, basic growth monitoring and recreation to such children.

The scheme is being structurally revamped with enhanced financial norms, stringent monitoring and revised sharing pattern between Government of India and the implementing agencies/NGOs.