

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CLUBS FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made an assessment of the number of United Nations Children's Education Fund(UNICEF) adolescent girl's club in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is taking any steps to set up or fund similar girls clubs in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) There has not been a formal assessment of the Adolescent Girls Clubs by the Government. As reported by UNICEF, 11727 Adolescent Girl's Clubs which include 2,38,000 girls, are operational in the States of Assam, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra. The distribution of Adolescent Girl Clubs across States is given in Annexure.

(c) to (e) The Government introduced the Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls(RGSEAG)-Sabla, a centrally sponsored scheme in the year 2010-11 on a pilot basis. The scheme has two major components Nutrition and Non-Nutrition component and is being implemented in 205 districts across all States/UTs.

KishoriSamooH (adolescent girl's group) is formed at Anganwadi Centre under the Sabla scheme to provide adolescent girls with opportunities of life skill education, nutrition and health education, awareness about other socio-legal issues etc. As reported by the States/UTs, nearly 3.9 lakh KishoriSamooH are operational in the country under Sabla. Since the inception of the scheme, a sum of Rs. 1878.58 crore have been released to States/UTs under Sabla. Nearly 100 lakh adolescent girls per annum are reportedly benefitting under the Scheme.