

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

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

(a): whether the Government is aware that Malnutrition is eating up as much as four per cent of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP); and

(b): if so, the facts and details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): In a report captioned 'National Strategy to Reduce Childhood Malnutrition' (December, 1997), prepared by Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad, the annual productivity loss due to major malnutrition disorders in India ranged between 10-28, billion US\$ in 1996 accounting for 3-9% of GDP.