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

- (a) the salient features of the Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (RGSEAG)-Sabla scheme;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to amend the said scheme, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the funds provided to States for implementation of the said scheme across the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to upgrade home based skills, vocational skills of adolescent girls and to bring out of school adolescent girls into the mainstream/ educational system of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

- (a) Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls – Sabla introduced on a pilot basis in the year 2010 is operational in 205 selected districts from all the States/UTs across the country. The scheme aims at all-round development of Adolescent Girls (AGs) of 11-18 years (with a focus on all out-of-school AGs) by making them 'self reliant' by improving their health and nutrition status, promoting awareness about health, hygiene, nutrition and facilitating access to learning about public services through various interventions such as guidance and counselling as well as Vocational Training. It also aims towards mainstreaming out of school AGs into formal/non formal education. Nearly one crore adolescent girls annually are covered for nutrition under the scheme.
- (b) At present, there is no proposal to amend the said scheme.
- (c) Details of the funds provided to States for implementation of the said scheme across the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise is at Annexure-1.
- (d) To equip the adolescent girls with adequate knowledge and skills for effective home management, the module developed for training AGs include issues pertaining to home maintenance, budgeting, saving, running the household, gender sensitivity, schooling of children, etc. The vocational skills (for girls aged 16 and above) is imparted through National Skill Development Initiative (SDIs) of Ministry of Labour & Employment and effective synergy is established with Education Department to bring out of school adolescent girls into the mainstream/educational system of the country