

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

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RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL CRECHE 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 National Creche Scheme (RGNCS);
- (b) whether the Government has implemented the said scheme across the country ;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT wise and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the number of crèches set up alongwith number of beneficiaries therefrom in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (e) the funds sanctioned and released to the States/UTs for implementing the said scheme along with its utilization reported by the State/UTs during the said period, State/UT-wise; and
- (f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to monitor supply of micro nutrient fortified energy food to the beneficiaries of the said creches across the country ?

**Answer**

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

(a) Main features of the scheme :

- i. Day care facilities are provided to the children (age group of 0-6 years) of working women and other deserving women.
- ii. The Scheme provides supplementary nutrition, health care inputs like immunization, polio drops, basic health monitoring, early stimulation for below 3 years, pre-school education for 03-06 years old children, emergency medicines and contingencies.
- iii. Facilities are provided to 25 children in each crèche.
- iv. Income eligibility of family whose monthly income is not more than Rs. 12,000/-
- v. The Government assistance is limited to 90% of the schematic pattern or actual expenditure (except honorarium to crèche workers) whichever is less and the remaining expenditure is borne by the Institution/Organisation concerned. Government grant @ Rs 3532.00 per month per crèche is given to the implementing agencies.
- vi. User charges of Rs.20/-from BPL families and Rs.60/- from other families per month.

(b) Yes, Madam.

(c) The list is enclosed for functional creches as on date at Annexure.

(d) The number of crèches and number of beneficiaries for last three years and current year are:

Year    Number of creches    Number of beneficiaries

2011-12	23785	5.95 lakh children
2012-13	23785	5.95 lakh children
2013-14	23555	5.88 lakh children
2014-15	23293	5.82 lakh children

(e) The scheme is Central Sector Scheme and as such, no fund is released to States/UTs.

(f) Under the scheme, supplementary nutrition is provided to beneficiaries (i.e. children). The implementing agencies for Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme, i.e. Indian Council for Child Welfare and Central Social Welfare Board have devised Standard Operating Procedure to ensure that the beneficiaries are delivered services as envisaged in the scheme.