

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NUTRITION PROGRAMME FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted/proposes to conduct any study to assess the impact of different nutrition programmes on women and children in the rural and tribal areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the findings thereof; and
- (c) the details of the ongoing schemes to address the nutritional issues of rural women and children along with the achievement made thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

(a): No Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Ministry of Women & Child Development is administering the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme being implemented through the State Governments/UT Administrations across the country. The scheme aims at holistic development of children below six years of age and pregnant and lactating mothers. A package of six services are provided under this scheme including Supplementary Nutrition to address the nutritional issues of children and Pregnant & Lactating mothers. During the last three years, 9.56 crore (2012-13), 10.45 crores (2013-14) and 10.41 crores (2014-15, as on 31.12.2014) beneficiaries availed the supplementary nutrition under the ICDS Scheme. A State/UT-wise list of the beneficiaries is annexed. The 'Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (RGSEAG)-'Sabla', a Centrally- sponsored scheme introduced in the year 2010-11 is being implemented in 205 districts from all the States/UTs including rural areas. Sabla aims at empowering the Adolescent Girls (AGs) (11 to 18 years) through nutrition, health care and life skill education. Under the nutrition component of the scheme Sabla, the out of school AGs in the age group of 11-14 years attending AWCs and all girls in the age group of 14-18 years are provided Supplementary Nutrition containing 600 calories, 18-20 grams of protein and micronutrients, per day for 300 days in a year. The Nutrition is in the form of Take Home Ration (THR) or Hot Cooked Meals. Nearly 100 lakh adolescent girls per annum are expected to be benefitted under the scheme.

Under the centrally sponsored schemes of the Ministry, a Nationwide Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaign against malnutrition to create awareness about nutrition challenges and promote home-level feeding practices has been launched during 2012-13. The first and second cycle of the campaign were undertaken during the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15.