

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

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

- (a) the details of the ongoing programmes for providing special nourishment to children;
- (b) the daily amount sanctioned per head under the said programmes;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the said amount and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has provided financial assistance to Indian council for welfare of children in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the assistance provided during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

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

(a) The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), a flagship scheme of the Government, provides Supplementary nutrition to children (6-72 months) and pregnant women & lactating mothers. The other services provided under the scheme are (i) pre-school non-formal education (ii) nutrition & health education (iii) immunization (iv) health check-up and (v) referral services at Anganwadi Centres.

(b) Under strengthening and restructuring of ICDS Scheme, the cost norms for supplementary nutrition under ICDS Programme have been revised as under:

Sl. No.	Category	Revised cost norms (per beneficiary per day)
1.	Children (6-72 months)	Rs.6.00
2.	Severely malnourished children (6-72 months)	Rs.9.00
3.	Pregnant women and Nursing mothers	Rs. 7.00

The revised cost norms were rolled out in three phases from 2012-13 to 2014-15.

(c) Presently, no such proposal is under consideration.

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam, the Government has provided financial assistance to Indian Council for Welfare of Children (ICCW) for running crèches under the Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme (RGNCs). The details of release of fund to run Creches under RGNCs during last three years (i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14) and current year (2014-15) is as under:

Year	Fund released to ICCW (Amount in Rs.)
2011-12	14,71,77,807

2012-13 24,87,07,603
2013-14 20,46,28,605
2014-15 5,46,85,956

The Government assistance under Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme is limited to 90% of the schematic pattern or actual expenditure (except honorarium to creche workers) whichever is less and the remaining expenditure is borne by the implementing agencies concerned. Government grant @ Rs.3532.00 per month per creche for 25 babies is given to the implementing agencies concerned as per the following details:

S.No.	Items	Ceiling of Grant
	Expenditure	
1.	Honorarium to two crèche workers	Rs.2000/-p.m. Rs.2000/- p.m. (100%)
2.	Supplementary Nutrition	Rs.1352/-p.m. Rs.1217/- p.m. (90%)
3.	Contingencies & Emergency Medicines	Rs.350/-p.m. Rs.315/- p.m. (90%)
	Total	Rs.3702/-p.m. Rs.3532/-p.m.