

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

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NUTRITIOUS FOOD TO PREGNANT WOMEN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any complaint of improper implementation of the schemes intended for providing nutritious food to pregnant women in the rural areas of the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh and the reasons therefor along with the action taken on such complaints; and
- (c) the other corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented by States/UTs across the country. The responsibility for implementation of ICDS Scheme including providing supplementary nutrition to Children (6 months to 6 years) and Pregnant & Lactating mothers and management thereof rests with States/UTs. During the last 3 years and the current year, 60 complaints regarding irregularities/deficiencies in Supplementary Nutrition Programme were received pertaining to the States/UTs of Uttar Pradesh (27), Maharashtra (4), Rajasthan (7), Jharkhand (2), Delhi (3), Assam (2), Haryana (2), Bihar (3), Odisha (4), Manipur (1), Chhattisgarh (1), Madhya Pradesh (2), Andhra Pradesh (1), Uttarakhand (1).

(c): The complaints received in respect of irregularities/deficiency in implementation of ICDS Scheme and in providing SNP are forwarded to concerned States/UTs for taking appropriate action. Reports on complaints which are serious in nature are sought from State Government /UT Administration.

The Government of India has introduced a five tier monitoring and supervision mechanism for better implementation of ICDS Scheme. The District level monitoring and review committee is inter-alia responsible for regularity in supply and quality of supplementary nutrition in Anganwadi Centres.