

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

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Anganwadi Scheme

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that women and children get only 10% of allocated food and other materials to be given to them under Anganwadi Scheme;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is preparing any scheme to provide the 100% of the allocated money;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to give allocated amount in cash; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) Integrated Child Development Service (ICDS) Scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented by States/UTs providing six services viz. Supplementary Nutrition, Immunization, Health Check-ups, Referral Services, Pre-school Non- formal Education and Health & Nutrition Education for holistic development of children (0-6 years) and pregnant and lactating mothers. These services are provided from the Anganwadi Centres (AWC) at the habitation level.

Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) envisages bridging the gap between the Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) and the Average Daily Intake (ADI) of children and pregnant and lactating women. State Governments/ UTs have been directed to provide 300 days of Supplementary food to the beneficiaries in a year which would entail giving more than one meal to the children from 3-6 years who come to AWCs. This includes morning snacks in the form of milk/ banana/ egg/ seasonal fruits/ micro-nutrient fortified food followed by a hot cooked meal. For children below 3 years of age and pregnant and lactating mothers, age appropriate Take Home Ration (THR) in the form of pre-mixes/ ready-to-eat food are provided. Besides, for severely malnourished children in the age group of 6 months to 6 years, additional food items in the form of micronutrient fortified food and/ or energy dense food as THR have been recommended. The Feeding Norms in terms of protein and calories per beneficiary per day is as under:

Category Calories (kcal) Protein(g)

Children(6-72 months) 500 12-15

Severely underweight children(6-72 months) 800 20-25

Pregnant women and Nursing mothers 600 18-20

(b) & (c): No, Sir.

(d) & (e): No, Sir.

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