

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

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NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS TO WOMEN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government implements any scheme for providing nutritional supplements to women particularly pregnant women in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the number of women benefited from the said scheme during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any study to ascertain the success of the said scheme, if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (c) whether cases of serving unutilised food under the said scheme to animals have come to the notice of the Government during the said period and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to formulate any new scheme to substitute/replace the said scheme in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

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

(a):Ministry of Women & Child Development is implementing the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme 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 is provided under this scheme including Supplementary Nutrition to address the nutritional issues of children and Pregnant & Lactating mothers. The details of supplementary nutrition programme under the ICDS Scheme are as under:

Beneficiaries	Calories (cal)	Protein (g)
Children (6 months to 72 months)	500	12-15
Severely malnourished children (6 months-72 months)	800	20-25
Pregnant women and lactating mothers	600	18-20

During the last three years, 1.82 crore (2012-13), 1.96 crores (2013-14) and 1.98 crores (2014- 15, as on 31.12.2014) women beneficiaries (pregnant & lactating mothers) availed the supplementary nutrition under the ICDS Scheme. A State/UT-wise list of the women beneficiaries is at Annexure-1.

Ministry of Women & Child Development is implementing Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY), Conditional Maternity Benefit (CMB), a centrally sponsored scheme for pregnant and lactating (P&L) women to improve their health & nutrition status by providing cash incentives to pregnant and lactating mothers. The scheme is being implemented in 53 selected districts across the country. The structures under the ICDS are being used as the platform for implementation of IGMSY. This is supported by dedicated IGMSY cells created at the State and District level.

(b)to (d): No Madam

(e):Does not arise.