

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

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MALNUTRITION ERADICATION THROUGH ANGANWADIS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any comprehensive nationwide survey/study on child malnutrition has been carried out by the Government in the last three years;
- (b) if so details along with the outcome thereof;
- (c) if no, whether the Government has any proposal to undertake such survey/study in the near future;
- (d) whether the Government has made any efforts to increase the coverage of anganwadis to tackle child malnutrition;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to ensure universalization of ICDS in a time bound manner to tackle child malnutrition; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a) to (c): The data of malnutrition is captured under National surveys. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is the nodal agency in the Government for conducting National Family Health Survey (NFHS) and District Level Household Survey (DLHS) and conducts periodic surveys to ascertain levels of malnutrition and other health indicators. The last nationally representative survey is National Family Health Survey – 3 in 2005-06. However, data for nutrition indicators has been captured for 21 States/ UTs in the recently conducted DLHS – 4 in 2012-13 and reports are available. The State-wise prevalence of undernutrition in children as per DLHS - 4 is annexed.

(d) to (g): The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme was universalized in 2008-09 preceded by rapid expansion in the years 2005-06, 2007-08 and 2008-09, so as to cover all habitations, including SC/ST and Minority, across the country with the approval of 7076 ICDS Projects and 14 lakh Anganwadi Centres. Against 7076 sanctioned ICDS Projects and 14 lakh sanctioned Anganwadi Centres, there are 7067 operational ICDS Projects and 13.42 lakh operational Anganwadi Centres, throughout the country, as on 30.9.2014.

In order to address various programmatic, management and institutional gaps and to meet administrative and operational challenges, Government has approved Strengthening and Restructuring of ICDS Scheme in September 2012 with an over-all budget allocation of Rs. 1,23,580 crore during 12th Five Year Plan.

Restructured and Strengthened ICDS has been rolled out during the year 2012-13 to 2014-15 in a phased manner.