

Women and Child Development implements the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme (ICDS), ICDS Training and Balika Samriddhi Yojana, for which assistance to respective States is provided directly. The details of funds allocated to the State of Assam in respect of these schemes are given at statement. *(See below)*

(b) to (d) In these schemes, the State Governments have not been able to utilise the funds fully for which they are being constantly reminded to not only furnish utilisation certificates, but also furnish the reasons for non-utilisation, if any.

Statement

(Rupees in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Year	Amount Allocated/ Released
1.	Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS).	1996-97	1741.46
		1997-98	1634.35
		1998-99	1911.71
2.	Integrated Child Development Scheme Training.	1996-97	2.92
		1997-98	1.95
		1998-99	43.13
3.	Balika Samriddhi Yojana*	1997-98	215.49
		1998-99	129.85

*The scheme of Balika Samriddhi Yojana (BSY) was only launched in the year 1997-98.

Government's pledge to Empower Women

1765. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the pledge of Government to empower women at the Beijing World Conference about five years ago; and

(b) the details of the pledges which have been implemented so far and when they were implemented?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) The country statement delivered by the Minister of Human Resource Development and leader of the Indian delegation at the Beijing Conference on 5th September 1995 spoke of Government of India's pledge of full support towards the building of a world social order which is based on equality between women and men and which treats all human beings as worthy of respect and dignity. The country statement also reflected five specific national commitments towards the empowerment of women. The details of the commitments made and the position of their implementation are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Commitments made	Position of
1. We are already committed to increase our investment on education to 6% of the GDP with the major focus on women and the girl child.	1. The Present share of in GDP is around 3.8% Women and girls have been the major focus of the Government's programmes.
2. We are committing ourselves to Universalize mother and child care programmes to reach out to every corner of the country.	2. (i) The Integrated Child Development Services programme which caters to the of children, pregnant women and lactating mothers had a coverage of 75% of the community development blocks in the country at the of 1998-99. The coverage is planned to be extended to of the community development blocks by the end of the Plan period. (ii) A nationwide and Child Health Programme has been launched from 98 in an attempt to improve quality and coverage of care to women, children and

Commitments made	Position of implementation
	adolescents so that their felt needs for health care are fully
3. We are committing ourselves to formulate and operationalise a National Policy on Women which will continuously guide and inform action at every level and in every sector.	met. 3. The policy is on the anvil.
4. We are committing ourselves to set up a Commissioner for Women's Rights to act as a Public Defender of Women's Human Rights.	4. This is presently being Considered by the National Commission for Women.
5. We are committing ourselves to institutionalize a national level mechanism which will monitor the implementation of the Platform for Action.	5. The Department of Women and Child Development, in its nodal capacity, is functioning as the national level mechanism to monitor the implementation of the Platform for Action.

Fee hike in the colleges of Delhi University

1766. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken any final decision to hike tuition fees by March, 2000 in colleges of the Delhi University;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined the reports of the Rahman Committee and Anandakrishan Committee in this regard;

(c) whether Government have also taken note of the demands of the Dean of Students Welfare and President of Delhi University Students Union, as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 21st February, 2000; and

(d) if so, what are the main reasons/rationale behind the above fee hike, when fee charges under other heads in various colleges of D.U. are already high?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (d): Para 11.2 of National Policy on Education, 1986 and its Programme of Action, 1992