

सरकारों/संघ शासित प्रदेशों के प्रशासनों का दायित्व है इसलिए इन अनुदेशों के कार्यान्वयन का अनुभव तथा आवश्यक अनुवर्ती कार्रवाई सुनिश्चित करने की उनसे अपेक्षा की जाती है।

(घ) जब कभी भी इस संबंध में कोई सकारात्मक भिराली है तब समुचित कार्रवाई की जाती है।

Assessment of Status of ICDS

2536. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Institute of Public Co operation and Child Development under his Ministry has made an assessment of the status of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) at the State level; and

(b) if so, the States which have been initially selected arid with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESHWARI): (a) Yes, Sir, The National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) conducted a "National Evaluation of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS)" during the year 1990-92.

(b) The national evaluation carried out by NIPCCD on the ICDS Scheme covered 25 States and 1 Union Territory viz. Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Goa, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Delhi.

The main findings as contained in the Evaluation Report highlight the positive impact of ICDS Scheme in terms of reduction in infant mortality rate, better coverage of children and mothers for supplementary nutrition and an improvement in the nutritional status of children, lower incidence of low birth weight babies, better immunisation coverage of children, greater enrolment and retention of anganwadi children in primary schools and

better pre-natal/post-natal care for mothers than in non-ICDS areas. The findings also include that about 80% of anganwadis were easily accessible and had the advantage of sectoral support services in the vicinity and that the profile of beneficiaries confirmed to the guidelines prescribed under the Scheme.

Highlighting the positive impact of the scheme, the Evaluation Report also incorporates a set of recommendations which inter-alia, includes upgradation of physical infrastructural facilities of anganwadis, enhancing participation of Auxiliary Nurse-cum-Midwives (ANMs), improving the coverage of children under 3 years of age for supplementary nutrition, strengthening nutritional and health education activities and ensuring effective participation of the community under the Scheme. Based on these recommendations, a number of effective steps have been taken by the Government during last 2 years or so, towards improving and strengthening the delivery of package of services, securing effective convergence of inter-sectoral services, filling the infrastructural gaps in the anganwadi centres and involving the members of the community effectively in the implementation of the ICDS Scheme.

Evaluation of Early Childhood Education

2537. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to undertake an evaluation of early childhood education in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof together with its aims and objectives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI

BASAVARAJESHWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, A National Evaluation of Early Childhood Education (ECE) has currently been undertaken by the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD). The objectives of the evaluation are to study the organisational and administrative set up of the ECE centres and assess their functional