

Shortage of funds for ICDS

1976. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the children in the country are still malnourished;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is fact that the integrated Child Development Services is running short of funds; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) and (b) As per the National Family Health Survey-3 (NFHS-3) in 2005-06; 42.5% children below the age of five years in the country are underweight.

Malnutrition is multi-dimensional and multi-sectoral problem, the determinants of which include household food insecurity, illiteracy and lack of awareness especially in woman, access to health services, availability of safe drinking water, sanitation and environmental conditions and purchasing power etc. Besides, early age at marriage of girls, teenage pregnancies resulting in low birth weight of the newborns, poor breastfeeding practices, poor complementary feeding practices. Ignorance about nutritional needs of infants and young children and repeated infections further aggravate the malnutrition amongst children.

(c) and (d) An amount of Rs. 9285 crores was projected for the year 2009-10 against which Rs. 6706 crores was allocated as Budget Estimates (BE). As this amount was inadequate for effective implementation of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) - Scheme, it was increased to Rs. 8162 crore a Revised Estimates (RE) stage.

1977. The Question was cancelled

Advertisement on Female Foeticide

1978. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA:
SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:
SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI:

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

- (a) whether a photograph of former Pakistan Air Chief Marshal was published in various dailies in an advertisement on female foeticide of the Department of Woman and Child Development in the recent past;
- (b) if so, whether Government has set up any committee to probe the lapses;