

Changes in National Commission for Women Act

3365. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is going to bring some changes in the National Commission for Women Act, 1990;
- (b) whether these changes are aiming to bring NCW at par with NHRC and NCPCR; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) and (c) The National Commission for Woman has recommended amendments to the National Commission for Women Act, 1990 which are under consideration.

Evaluation of ICDS scheme

3366. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has done any evaluation of impact of ICDS scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective measures Government is taking in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. During 2005-06, an evaluation study titled Three decades of ICDS-An appraisal was conducted by the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) covering 150 ICDS Projects from 35 States/UTs. The study attempted to compare the performance of ICDS over the years by comparing the results with two national level studies namely NIPCCD, 1992 and NCAER, 2001. Some of the important findings are as under:—

- Percentage of AWCs housed in pucca structure have gone up to 75% in 2006 as compared to 43% in 1992. Availability of equipments like weighing scales and pre-school education kit have also increased over the years. Weighing scales were found to be available in more than 90% AWCs in 2006 as compared to 73% and 76% in 1992 and 2001 respectively;
- Percentage of registered children between 6 months to 3 years in AWCs has gone up to 57% (of which 78% are availing supplementary nutrition) as compared to 45% registered children in 1992;
- Percentage of severely malnourished children had reduced significantly. In case of 0-3 years, percentage of Grade III and Grade IV children has gone down to 1% in 2006 from 7% in 1992, that of Grade II to 7% (2006) from 22% (1992) and that of Grade I to 16% (2006) from 35% (1992);