

provision of 2000 Anganwadi on demand to have 14 lakh AWCs/Min-AWCs in all habitations in the country, with special focus on coverage of SC/ST and Minority population.

- Upward revision in cost norms of existing interventions;
- Upward revision in nutritional and feeding norms of supplementary nutrition;
- Provision of flexi-funds at Anganwadi centre level;
- Introduction of new World Health Organization (WHO) Growth Standards. A joint letter signed by both the Secretaries of WCD and Health was issued on 6.8.2008 in this regard.
- A common Mother and Child Protection Card (MCPC) to be used under both ICDS and NRHM programmes has been issued to States/UTs with a letter under the joint signatures of both the Secretaries of WCD and Health to improve the continuum of care for pregnant mothers and children under three years of age.
- A joint letter was also issued under the joint signatures of Secretaries of WCD and Deptt. of Drinking water Supply on 10.2.2010 reiterating the issues of convergence that need to be strengthened.

Nutrition scheme

†3367. SHRI BRIJLAL KHABRI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to start a nutrition scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount likely to be released by Government for implementation of this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) There is no proposal to start a new nutrition scheme. However the Supplementary Nutrition Programme under ICDS is being implemented to provide supplementary nutrition support to children below 6 years and pregnant woman and lactating mothers, with a view to bridge the gap between the Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) and Average Dietary Intake (ADI).

- (b) and (c) Do not arise.

Scheme for street children

3368. PROF. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.