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Funds under National Nutrition Mission

2098. SHRI K.B. SHANAPPA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proposal for release of funds under National Nutrition Mission is pending with Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when, the amount would be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question do not arise.

Need for drastic changes in ICDS

2099. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank report on malnutrition among India's children calls for drastic reforms in the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS);
- (b) whether according to the report, ICDS scheme has not been effective in tackling child undernutrition and it appears unlikely that the prevalence of malnutrition in India will fall from 54 per cent in 1990 to 27 per cent by 2015; and
- (c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to tackle the child undernutrition effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) The World Bank, in their report, titled "India's Undernourished Children —A call for Reform and Action" (August, 2005) has, *inter alia*, observed that ICDS has not yet succeeded in making a significant dent in child malnutrition and made certain recommendations to improve its effectiveness.

The World Bank Report has primarily based its findings on the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-II) conducted in 1998-99. NFHS-III is currently underway and its finding are likely to be available by the end of the year.