

An allocation of Rs. 400 crore has been made for the scheme in 2010-11. Nearly 100 lakh AGs per annum are expected to be benefited under the scheme in the country.

**Malnutrition cases and deaths of children
at Anganwadi Centres**

†2165. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Anganwadi Centres that are functioning in the country at present;
- (b) the number of Anganwadi Centres in which malnutrition cases have been reported during the previous year in the country;
- (c) whether deaths of some children due to malnutrition have occurred in some Anganwadi Centres in Madhya Pradesh during the last few days; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) to (d) There are 11.95 lakh Anganwadi Centres (AWCs)/Mini-AWCs functioning in the country as on 30.09.2010.

Under the ICDS Scheme, weight-for-age for children has been prescribed for all Anganwadi Centres to ascertain nutritional status of children below six years. 44.97% children were reported to be underweight in the country as on 30.09.2010.

As per the information made available by the state Government of Madhya Pradesh, no deaths due to malnutrition has occurred in any AWC during the last few days.

CSS for improvement of adolescent girls

2166. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to launch a Centrally sponsored scheme for empowerment of adolescent girls;
- (b) if so, the objective thereof;

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- (c) the districts which have been selected for implementation of such scheme;
- (d) the criteria for selection of the beneficiary districts under the scheme; and
- (e) whether Government proposes to make this an all India Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) The Government has recently approved implementation of a Centrally sponsored Scheme - Rajiv Gandhi Scheme of Adolescent Girls (RGSAG) - SABLA on pilot basis in 200 districts selected across the country.

- (b) The objectives of the scheme are:
 - (i) Enable the AGs for self-development and empowerment;
 - (ii) Improve their nutrition and health status;
 - (iii) Promote awareness about health, hygiene, nutrition, Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health (ARSH) and family and child care;
 - (iv) Upgrade their home-based skills, life skills and tie up with National Skill Development Programme (NSDP) for vocational skills;
 - (v) Mainstream out of school AGs into formal/non formal education;
 - (vi) Provide information/guidance about existing public services such as PHC, CHC, Post Office, Bank, Police Station, etc.

(c) and (d) The 200 districts have been selected using four indicators viz. drop out rate of females, female literacy rate, girls married before the age of 18 and female work participation. The districts are a combination of good performing, moderate and not so well performing districts in all the States/UTs. List of selected districts is enclosed as Statement (See below).

- (e) Further expansion of the scheme would be based on the performance of the scheme.

Statement

State-wise number of districts covered under Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (RGSEAG) - SABLA

Sl.No.	State/UT Name	No. of Distt.
1	2	3
1	A & N Islands	1
2	Andhra Pradesh	7
3	Arunachal Pradesh	4
4	Assam	8
5	Bihar	12
6	Chandigarh	1
7	Chhatisgarh	5
8	D & N Haveli	1
9	Daman & Diu	2
10	Delhi	3
11	Goa	2
12	Gujarat	9
13	Haryana	6
14	Himachal Pradesh	4
15	Jammu & Kashmir	5
16	Jharkhand	7
17	Karnataka	9
18	Kerala	4
19	Lakshadweep	1
20	Madhya Pradesh	15
21	Maharashtra	11

1	2	3
22	Manipur	3
23	Meghalaya	3
24	Mizoram	3
25	Nagaland	3
26	Orissa	9
27	Pondicherry	1
28	Punjab	6
29	Rajasthan	10
30	Sikkim	2
31	Tamil Nadu	9
32	Tripura	2
33	Uttar Pradesh	22
34	Uttaranchal	4
35	West Bengal	6
TOTAL		200

Assistance to States under Balika Samridhi Yojana

†2167. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount released to the States particularly for Haryana and U.P. under Balika Samridhi Yojana during the last three years;

(b) the amount to be released under the scheme during the current financial year, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has received any financial assistance from World Bank, etc. for implementation of this scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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