

Status of children of NE region

3862. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether children of NE region are among the worst performers *i.e.* there is a poor show of such children and they rank below other using indicators *i.e.* child labour, health, education, etc;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the children's status in these regions need urgent attention; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) and (b) Based on available data, it is difficult to generalise about the status of children from the North Eastern Region as being the worst on indicators of health, education and child labour. For instance, several States from this region fare better than the National average on Infant Mortality Rate (IMR), under five Mortality Rate and percentage of underweight children. In terms of prevalence of child labour also, this region is not amongst the worst in the country. However, most States of the region do not score well on the Educational Development Index (EDI).

(c) and (d) To facilitate the States in the North Eastern Region in addressing the needs of children, special dispensation has been provided in Government schemes for these States, and the ratio for funding by the Centre and States has been kept at 90:10 as opposed to 50:50 or 75:25 for other States as in the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme.

Supplementary nutrition programme

3863. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the ration cost under Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) is inadequate in the context of inflation in food prices; and

(b) if so, whether it will consider increasing the cost under all the three categories of SNP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) and (b) In view of the inflation in prices including food, Ministry's proposal for Strengthening and Restructuring of ICDS, *inter-alia* includes proposal for revision of cost norms of Supplementary Nutrition linked to Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Budgetary allocation for child scheme

3864. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the Planning Commission's recommended budgetary allocation towards the Integrated Child Development Scheme and Integrated Child Protection Scheme for this year;

(b) whether it is a fact that the actual budgetary allocation made was a fraction of what was recommended by the Planning Commission; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) to (c) The Planning Commission fixed the total Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) for the Ministry of Women and Child Development at Rs. 18,500 crores for the year 2012-13. Out of this, Rs. 15,850 crores were earmarked for the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme. Of the remaining Rs. 2650 crores for other schemes, the Ministry, in consultation with Planning Commission, has allocated Rs. 400 crores for the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) for this year.

Budgetary allocation for rehabilitation of rape victims

3865. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for decrease in this year's budgetary allocation towards the Scheme 'Relief to and Rehabilitation of Rape victims' as compared to the previous years;

(b) whether Government is serious about tackling the increasing rate of crimes against women; and

(c) if so, how does Government propose to allocate the finances required to provide rehabilitation services for victims of rape?