

- (d) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) A few cases have been reported where procedures as prescribed in the extant guidelines for adoption issued by Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) have not been followed.

(b) to (d) The Government has introduced, in February 2011, the Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System (CARINGS) which is a web based management and monitoring system for adoption of children. All adoption agencies in the country are required to register on CARINGS and, *inter-alia*, regularly update data on children and prospective parents registered with them. At present all Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA) recognized adoption agencies (72) and (257) other agencies registered by the State Governments/ UT Administrations are registered in the system.

Aims and objectives of SABLA scheme

2928. SHRI DEVEDER GOUD T. : Will the MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives of SABLA scheme;
- (b) the details of districts identified under the above scheme in Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) to what extent the Ministry is able to achieve the success with regard to sending adolescent girls to schools under SABLA in identified districts of Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) the number of adolescent girls going to benefited under the above scheme in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) The Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls – Sabla, a Centrally-sponsored scheme has been introduced in the year 2010-11 on a pilot basis and is being implemented in 205 districts from all the States/UTs. Sabla aims at all-round development of adolescent girls of 11-18 years (with a focus on all out-of-school AGs) by making them 'self reliant' by improving their health and nutrition status, promoting awareness about health, hygiene, nutrition, Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health, family and

child care and facilitating access to public services through various interventions such as guidance and counselling and imparting Vocational Training. It also aims towards mainstreaming out of school AGs into formal/non formal education.

(b) The scheme is being implemented in seven districts *viz.* Mahbubnagar, Adilabad, Anantapur, Visakhapatnam, Chittoor, West Godavari, Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) As reported by Government of Andhra Pradesh, 38498 adolescent girls under Sabla have been admitted to schools as on 31.08.2012.

(d) The number of adolescent girls expected to be benefitted for nutrition component under Sabla in 2012-13 in Andhra Pradesh as reported by the State Government is 6,18,975.

Nutrition challenges

2929. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of expert panels, including the Prime Minister's National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges have recommended that the Integrated Child Development Scheme be restructured to make it more effective;

(b) if so, by when it will be done; and

(c) what effective steps Government is taking to tackle malnutrition in a multi-sectoral tasking in 200 high burden districts in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal for Strengthening and Restructuring of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is awaiting approval of competent authority.

(c) Malnutrition is a problem which is complex, multi-dimensional and inter-generational in nature with varied causes. The approach to dealing with the nutrition challenges has been two pronged : First is the Multi-sectoral approach for accelerated action on the determinants of malnutrition in targeting nutrition in schemes/programmes of all the sectors. The second approach is the direct and specific interventions targeted towards the vulnerable groups such as children below 6 years, adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating mothers.