

(b) if so, the details thereof with objectives and targets set under the scheme;

(c) how far the scheme has been able to help these women to become self-reliant and get rehabilitated socially and economically especially in the Konkan region of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHANA TIRATH): (a) The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing a Central Sector Scheme "Support to Training and Employment Programme for Women (STEP)." The target group covered under STEP programme includes the marginalized astless rural women and urban poor.

(b) and (c) The objectives of the scheme are as follow:

- Mobilizing women in small viable groups and making facilities available through training, access to credit and other inputs.
- Provide training for skill up gradation
- Enabling group of women to take up employment-cum-income generation programmes of their own, or to access wage employment.
- Provide support services for further improving and employment conditions of women and for access to health care, literacy, legal literacy, and other information.

The target of coverage during year 2012-13 is 30,000 beneficiaries throughout the country. The scheme, which was started in the year 1986-87, has been able to make impact by empowering the women economically.

As far as the impact of the Scheme on women in Konkan region of Maharashtra is concerned, region wise data is not maintained. However for the State of Maharashtra 25 projects have been sanctioned covering about 61150 beneficiaries.

ICDS Programme in Bihar

297. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) which are the districts included in Government programme Integrated Child Development Service (ICDS) programme in Bihar State;

(b) which are the districts under this programme in all over the country;

- (c) how much is the fund allocated to this programme and how much would be given to each districts;
- (d) what are the features of this programme; and
- (e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) and (b) Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme has been universalized in 2008-09 and is being implemented in all the Districts and Blocks, across the country, including the State of Bihar.

(c) The ICDS being a Centrally sponsored Scheme, funds are released to States/UTs and not to districts. A total amount of Rs. 14,27,220.33 lakh was released to the States/UTs during the year 2011-12 including an amount of Rs. 81,909.11 lakh for the State of Bihar. For the year 2012-13, an amount of Rs. 3,86,806.44 lakh has been released so far to the States/UTs, including an amount of Rs. 25,569.35 lakh to the State of Bihar.

(d) and (e) The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is a Centrally sponsored Scheme implemented by the State/UTs under which ICDS Projects and Anganwadi Centres are sanctioned as per requirement projected by States and based on population norms approved by the Government. The Scheme provides a package of six services *viz.* supplementary nutrition, pre-school non-formal education, nutrition and health education, immunization, health check-up and referral services. Three of the services *i.e.* immunization, health check-up and referral services are provided by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The ICDS Scheme is universal and a self-selecting and open to all.

Under the ICDS Scheme Government released Grant-in-Aid to the States/UTs on a sharing ratio of 90:10 for all components including Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) for North East and 50:50 for SNP and 90:10 for all other components for all States other than North East.

Help to mothers giving birth to girl child

298. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in some villages of Rajasthan mothers are felicitated on giving birth to a girl child;