

Nutritious food for pregnant women in Bihar

†1268. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food and Nutrition Board propose to provide free nutritious food to pregnant women and children in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if so, the progress made therein so far and also the achievements made in Bihar, the State-wise details of the amount allocated and the quantum of amount required for the implementation of this programme in the whole country and whether any case of malpractices have been noticed, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI) (a) No, Sir. Food and Nutrition Board (FNB) is not proposing any programme for providing free nutritious food to the pregnant women and children in the country. However, under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, supplementary nutrition is provided to children below six years of age and pregnant women and lactating mothers at the Anganwadi Centres.

(b) Does not arise.

Law for dealing with sexual harassment at workplace

1269. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 17 per cent of working women in India experience sexual harassment at workplaces as per report of the survey conducted by Orfam India and Social Rural Research Institute;

(b) if so, is there any need of separate law for dealing with sexual harassment at workplace; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI): (a) There is no official information about survey conducted by Orfam India and Social Rural Research Institute.

(b) and (c) The Government has already enacted the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 which came into force with effect from 9th December, 2013 to provide a safe and secure environment to women at all workplaces, in both organized and unorganized including domestic workers.

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