

**"Ready to Eat" scheme in Chhattisgarh**

‡2715. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of assistance under various schemes provided by the Ministry to pregnant women and children from 0 to 5 years, for their nutrition in the State of Chhattisgarh during last three years, scheme-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that a number of complaints are being made that distribution of food materials done by some other agency in the State of Chhattisgarh under "Ready to Eat" scheme is leading to poor quality of nutrition; and
- (c) if so, the factual position thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ): (a) The Ministry is implementing Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme for Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers and Children in the age group of 6 months to 6 years. Under the scheme, Take Home Ration (THR) and age appropriate morning snacks and hot cooked meal are provided to the beneficiaries from Anganwadi Centres.

The Ministry is also implementing Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY) in 53 Districts for Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers to improve their health and nutrition status to better enabling environment by providing cash incentives. The Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers who are 19 years or above are provided cash incentive of ₹ 6000/- in two equal instalment upon fulfilling certain health and nutritional conditions.

The details of funds released under Supplementary Nutrition Programme and Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY) to the States of Chhattisgarh during last three years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 is as under:—

*Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP)*

Sl. No.	Year	Funds released (Rupees in lakh)
1.	2013-14	15794.18
2.	2014-15	11302.16
3.	2015-16	32879.98

‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

*Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY)*

Sl. No.	Year	Funds released (Rupees in lakh)
1.	2013-14	1456.53
2.	2014-15	859.86
3.	2015-16	429.94

(b) No, Sir. The State Government procures Ready to Eat Food from Women Self Help Groups from the year 2009. No other agency is engaged for distribution of Supplementary Nutrition.

(c) Does not arise.

**Districts selected for implementation of 'Beti Bachao,  
Beti Padhao' scheme**

2716. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts selected for implementation of the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' scheme, and details of the achievements so far;

(b) whether Government proposes to extend this scheme to more districts, and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has partnered with any NGO for the implementation of this scheme, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNARAJ): (a) and (b) Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme is being implemented in 161 Gender Critical Districts covering all States and UTs with Low Child Sex Ratio (CSR). Since the overall objective of the Scheme is to improve declining Child Sex Ratio in the country and create an enabling environment for the education of girl child, this requires long-term attitudinal change. The Scheme is at a nascent stage of implementation and it's too early to assess its impact at this stage. However, scheme has been received well and in the last one and half years, several local innovative interventions have been demonstrated by the districts with support from Departments of WCD, Health and Education. There is a strong emphasis on mindset change through training, sensitization, awareness raising and community mobilization on ground.