

- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) States/UTs are encouraged by the Government of India to develop kitchen gardens at the Anganwadi Centre premises to provide healthy food for children.

Draft National Policy for Women

639. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Draft National Policy for Women sent by the Ministry was received by the Prime Minister;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the date of receipt of the Draft National Policy for Women;
- (c) the details of the progress that has been made by the PMO on this draft policy; and
- (d) if no progress has been made, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (d) Cabinet Note on Draft National Policy for Women which was sent to Cabinet Secretariat earlier, has since been returned with directions that Ministry may if considered necessary, forward an updated/revised note. In the National Conference of State Secretaries, held recently on 13th and 14th November, 2019, various important issues relating to women were also deliberated. Consultations with States/UTs and other stakeholders are underway.

Increase in salary of workers and helpers

640. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to increase the salary of the workers and helpers of Anganwadi Centres (ICDS) in different States;
- (b) if so, the details of the plan to increase the salary;
- (c) the number of Anganwadi Centres in the country; and
- (d) the number of workers, helpers in the Anganwadi Centres in States, State-wise?