

QUESTION DETAILS

MINISTRY OF : WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO 108
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2018
Supplementary nutrition under ICDS

108. Shri G.C. Chandrashekar

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:-

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- (a) whether certain States/UTs are implementing the Programme of providing supplementary nutrition under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme by providing special breakfast and hot cooked meals to children aged between three to six years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of additional financial assistance provided to those States/UTs for this purpose; and
- (c) whether there has been any improvement in health and nutritional condition of children due to implementation of the said scheme and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Part (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No.108 for 20.12.2018 by Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar regarding Supplementary Nutrition under ICDS.

(a) Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) is one of the six services provided through Anganwadis under Anganwadi Services of Umbrella Integrated Child Development Services. Under Supplementary Nutrition Programme children in the age group of 3-6 years are provided morning snacks in the form of milk/ banana/seasonal fruits/micro nutrient fortified food etc. followed by a hot cooked meal at noon in the Anganwadi Centers. Besides, for severely malnourished children in the age group of 6 months to 6 years, additional food items in the form of Take Home Ration have been prescribed. The feeding and nutritional norms are uniform but the type of food provided varies according to local food habits. The prescribed nutritional norms as per Schedule II of National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013 for different categories of child beneficiaries is as under:

S. No. Category Nutritional norms (per beneficiary per day for 25 days a month)

Calories (K Cal) Protein (g)

1. Children (6-72 months) 500 12-15

2. Severely malnourished children (6-72 months) 800 20-25

(b): The cost norms for supplementary nutrition given below are uniform for all States/UTs:

S. No. Categories Rates (In Rupees per day per beneficiary)

1 Children (6-72 months) 8.00

2 Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers 9.50

3 Severely Malnourished Children (6-72 months) 12.00

There is no provision of additional assistance to any State.

(c): As per the recent report of National Family Health Survey (NFHS) – 4 conducted by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in 2015-16, 35.8% children under 5 years of age are underweight and 38.4% are stunted indicating a reduction from the previous NFHS – 3 conducted in 2005-06, which reported 42.5% children under 5 years of age as underweight and 48% stunted. However the said achievement cannot be solely attributed to the breakfast being provided under ICDS.

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