

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SLOW IMPLEMENTATION OF ICDS AND ANGANWADI CENTRE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a slow progress in the implementation of the Integrated Child Development Scheme for providing nutritional food to poor children and establishing of Anganwadi Centres;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the status of implementation of the scheme; and
- (c) the total number of beneficiaries so far, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH)

(a),(b)&(c) The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is a Centrally-sponsored Scheme implemented through State Governments/UT Administrations. During the last 1 ½ years, there has been considerable progress in the implementation of the Scheme. As a result of concerted efforts by the Central and State Governments, the number of operational Anganwadi Centres increased from 649307, as on 31.3.2004, to 706872, as on 31.3.2005, and to 741038, as on 31.7.2005. State-wise status of implementation of the Scheme and number of beneficiaries is given in the Statement annexed.