

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4079

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SHISHU SEWA KENDRAS

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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government provides financial assistance to set up Creches for the children of women belonging to weaker sections ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds sanctioned therefor, State-wise ;
- (c) whether the Government has accorded sanction to start Rajiv Gandhi Rashtriya Shishu Sewa Kendra for the infants of working and sick women as reported in Rashtriya Sahara dated November 25, 2005 ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof ;
- (e) whether present ongoing infant schemes would also be included in this scheme ;
- (f) if so, the total number of centres set up under the Tenth plan ;
- (g) whether the Government proposes to enhance the number of such centres ;
- (h) if so, whether the amount under the scheme has been increased for each shishu sewa kendra; and
- (i) if so, the details of enhanced amount ?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Creches set up under the scheme provides services to the children which include sleeping and day-care facilities, supplementary nutrition, immunization, medicines and entertainment. State-wise details of the funds released during the last three years are given at Annexure.
- (c) The Government has accorded sanction to start Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme for the Children of Working Mothers.
- (d) The scheme provides enhancement in financial norms and expansion in the number of creches.
- (e) Existing two Schemes i.e. National Creche Fund Scheme and Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organizations for running Creches for the Children of Working/Ailing Women have been merged in this Scheme.
- (f) No creche has been sanctioned so far under the Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme for the Children of Working Mothers as the scheme is effective from 1.1.2006.
- (g)&(h) Yes, Sir.
- (i) the financial norms have been revised from Rs. 18,480/- to Rs.42,384/- per creche per annum.