

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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GROWTH CHART IN ANGANWADI CENTRES
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme prescribes maintenance of a growth chart for every child in Anganwadi Centres;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken note that such data is not being maintained in over fifty percent of Anganwadi Centres across the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to monitor the implementation of maintenance of updated growth charts at all Anganwadi centres?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) & (b) :Under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, Growth Charts have been prescribed at Anganwadi Centre (AWCs) since its inception to record weight for age of each child. Government vide circular dated 06.08.2008 requested States/ UTs to adopt the new World Health Organisation (WHO) Growth Chart w.e.f. 15.08.2008 at all AWCs. The weight of a girl and a boy of same age differs slightly therefore separate growth charts for boys and girls have been introduced in ICDS. The new charts would help us in comparing growth of children within ICDS projects, districts, states & also other countries.

(c) to (e): States/ UTs are in transition state to replace the old Growth Charts with the WHO Growth Charts. As per available information, the WHO Growth Charts have been printed and distributed to about 12.72 lakhs AWCs out of 13.39 lakh operational Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) in the country as on March 2013. State -wise details of implementation of WHO growth charts is given in the Annexure.

The implementation of WHO Growth Chart is continuously monitored through reviews, as well as, supervision visits etc.