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

- (a): the details of the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICDS) and other schemes initiated for the welfare of children in the country;
- (b): whether some deficiencies have been noticed in the implementation of these schemes;
- (c): if so, the details thereof; and
- (d): the corrective action taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a): The Ministry of Women and Child Development has recently launched a centrally sponsored scheme namely Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) with the objectives to provide safe and secure environment for overall development of the children who are in need of care and protection and children in conflict with law, in the country. This scheme is implemented from the current financial year of 2009-10. The details of the scheme are available on the Ministry's website – www.wcd.nic.in.

Ministry's has also been implementing the schemes namely [i] Scheme for Welfare of Working Children in Need of Care and Protection; [ii] Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme for the children of Working Mothers; and [iii] Dhanalakshmi – A Conditional Cash Transfer Scheme for Girl Child with Insurance Cover, for welfare of children, from the year 2005, 2006 and 2008 respectively. The details of the schemes mentioned at [i] & [ii] are also available on the Ministry's website – www.wcd.nic.in.

Dhanalakshmi – A Conditional Cash Transfer Scheme for Girl Child with Insurance Cover is implemented on a pilot basis in eleven blocks in seven States since 03.03.2008. The scheme provides for cash transfers to the family of a girl child on fulfilling certain conditionality relating to registration of birth, immunization, enrolment and retention in school till class VIII.

(b) to (d): Recently, certain shortcomings were reported in the implementation of the Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme for Working Mothers, which are common to crèches in many of the states. Some of these shortcomings include inadequate infrastructure, lack of proper linkage with Primary Health Centres and lack of training to the creche workers etc.

The implementing agencies are advised from time to time to take necessary action to rectify the deficiencies.