

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3126**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.01.2018

**REVAMPING OF ICDS SCHEME**

3126 SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to revamp the Integrated Child Development Service (ICDS) Scheme and withdraw the provisions of cooked food and rations to children, and pregnant and lactating women, and replace it with cash transfers in view of NITI Ayog's recent recommendation in the policy document, 'Nourishing India';
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to ensure that the disbursed cash is spent in the required manner?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) to (c) There is no proposal to revamp the Integrated Child Development Service (ICDS) Scheme.

As per the existing norms, Take Home Ration is continuously provided to Pregnant women and Lactating Mothers, children of 6-36 months of age and malnourished children of the age of 6 months - 6 years while Hot Cooked Meal and Morning Snacks are provided to children of the age of 3-6 years at the Anganwadi Centres.

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