

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION No.110**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2018

**RULES/GUIDELINES ON PRE-SCHOOLS AND PLAY SCHOOLS**

110. SHRI D.S. RATHOD

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

- (a) whether the Government has framed any rules/guidelines on pre-schools and play schools in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government plans to close the pre-schooling centres in the country and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**Statement referred to in reply to Part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 110 for 09.02.2018 by Shri D.S. Rathod regarding 'Rules/Guidelines on Pre-Schools and Play Schools'**

- (a) & (b) Pre-school Education is one of the six services provided to the Children of 3-6 years of age under Anganwadi Services Scheme. The Ministry has notified the National Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) Policy on 27.09.2013. The vision of the policy is to achieve holistic development and active learning capacity of the child below six years of age. It recognizes multiple models of ECCE service delivery through public, private, and non-governmental service providers including Anganwadi Centres (AWCs), play schools, pre-schools, etc.

The Policy clearly lays down basic non-negotiable quality standards to be followed by all ECCE service providers. The standardized facilities envisaged in the Policy inter alia, relate to building and infrastructure; safety and security aspects; pupil-teacher interaction; caregiver; child ratio; learning experiences planned for children; health, nutrition and protection measures; qualification and professional development of staff; parent and community involvement and organisation and management of the ECCE provision.

For ensuring optimal development of children, National ECCE Curriculum Framework and Quality Standards for ECCE has been notified and circulated to all States/UTs on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2014.

The Government has also issued guidelines on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2010 regarding procedure for admission in schools in class 1 (or pre-primary class as the case may be) under section 12(1)(c) under RTE Act, 2009.

Ministry of WCD has released the following documents on 01.09.2017:

- i. Activity Books for 3-4 years old children
- ii. Activity Books for 4-5 years old children
- iii. Activity Books for 5-6 years old children
- iv. Recommended list for Play and Learning Material (PSE Kit)
- v. Child Assessment Card

The above documents have been circulated to all States/UTs for wide dissemination upto the pre-primary school level with minor modifications, if required.

- (c) There are no plans to close the pre-school education provided at the Anganwadi Centers in the country.

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(b)