

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1697
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2018

SCHEME FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS

1697. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing Scheme for Adolescent Girls in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the changes observed in nutrition and health status of Adolescent Girls (AGs) in the past three years under the said scheme;
- (c) whether sex education is given as part of the scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether menstrual disorders have been incorporated into the health status and checkups under the said scheme and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken under this scheme to create awareness and tackle stigmas and taboos about the girl child?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b): Yes Madam, the Government is implementing Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG), a Centrally-sponsored scheme introduced in the year 2010-11 on a pilot basis in 205 districts across the country which has since been universalised w.e.f 01.04.2018.

The Scheme aims at all-round development of out-of-school Adolescent Girls (AGs) of age 11-14 year and has two components Nutrition and Non Nutrition. Under the Nutrition component, each out of school Adolescent Girl of age 11-14 years is provided 600 calories, 18-20 grams of protein and micronutrients @ Rs. 9.5 per beneficiary per day for 300 days in a year. The non-nutrition component has built-in factor to motivate out of school girls to go back to formal schooling or skill training. Nutrition supplementation along with promoting awareness about health, hygiene, nutrition and facilitating access to learning about public services through various interventions has positive impact on the nutrition and health status of adolescent Girls.

- (c): Sex Education is not imparted under the scheme.
- (d): General health check up of all AGs, at least once in three months is done on a special day called the Kishori Diwas synchronized with Village Health & Nutrition Day

(VHND). In case of AGs having problems requiring specialized treatment, Medical Officers refer them with a referral slip, to the District Hospital / PHC / CHC / Maternal & Child Health (MCH) Sub-Centre. All referrals are followed up on / tracked on the next Kishori Diwas or VHND. Awareness on various health issues including menstrual health, maintaining personal hygiene and sanitation, use of sanitary napkins is also given to adolescent girls on this day.

- (e) To create awareness and tackle stigmas and taboos about the girl child **Community mobilization** to garner community support to nurture the potential of AGs is undertaken under SAG. This involves conducting community mobilization through community based structures and other communication activities such as mid-media activities, kala jathas, street plays and others.
