

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UN-STARRED QUESTION No. 538**  
To BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2018

**INSPECTION OF ANGANWADIS**

538. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

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

- (a) whether regular inspections of the Anganwadis are conducted by the authorities under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether improvements have been observed in the maternal health since the implementation of ICDS scheme and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the number of malnourished children has also reduced during the last three years across the country and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) MWCD is continuously monitoring implementation of Anganwadi Services Scheme including inspection/visits to Anganwadi Centres. During 2017-18, 3066 AWCs have been visited/inspected by Central Monitoring Unit, NIPCCD in 21 States/UTs. The points emerged during the inspection/visits have been shared with concerned States/UT to take remedial action in improving implementation of Anganwadi Services Scheme.

Besides, all the States/UTs are required to conduct periodical inspections as per guidelines issued on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2010 by the Ministry.

- (b) & (c) The impact of ICDS scheme on the nutritional status of women and children is indicated through the data on nutritional indicators captured by country-wide periodic National Family Health Surveys conducted by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. As per the report of the recent National Family Health Survey (NFHS) – 4 in 2015-16, 22.9% women in the reproductive age group (15-49 years) have chronic energy deficiency (BMI less than 18.5) which is a decline from the previous NFHS-3 (2005-06) levels which reported 35.5% women having chronic energy deficiency. Further, 35.7% children under 5 years of age are underweight and 38.4% are stunted indicating a reduction from the previous NFHS – 3 conducted in 2005-06, which reported 42.5% children under 5 years of age as underweight and 48% stunted.

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