

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 499
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2019

SCHEME FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS

499. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched any Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG) across the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether vocational training is being imparted to girls for their skill development under the said scheme throughout the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of girls benefitted under the said scheme; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the coverage under the said scheme and to bring improvement in its working methodology?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

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

Statement referred to in reply to Part (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No 499 by Shri Naranbhai Kachhadiya; Shri Parbatbhai Savabhai Patel to be answered on 26.07.2019 regarding Scheme for Adolescent Girls

- (a) & (b): Yes Sir, Scheme for Adolescent Girls, a Centrally-sponsored scheme administered by the Government of India, is implemented through Anganwadi Services (earlier known as ICDS) under the umbrella Integrated Child Development Services infrastructure by the State Governments/UT Administration.

Government approved continuation and phased expansion of the scheme for out of school adolescent girls of age 11-14 years during the year 2017-18. Accordingly, the scheme introduced on a pilot basis in 205 districts across the country in the year 2010-11 was extended to additional 303 districts in 2017-18 and to all the districts across the country w.e.f. 01.04.2018.

The Scheme 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 scheme aims at motivating out of school girls in the age group of 11-14 years to go back to formal schooling or skill training under non-nutrition component of the scheme. The other services under non-nutrition component are IFA supplementation, Health check-up and Referral services, Nutrition & Health Education, Life Skill Education and Counseling/ Guidance on accessing public services.

State-wise beneficiaries covered under SAG during each of last three years as intimated by States/UTs is given in **Annexure – 1**.

- (c): Continuation and expansion of the Scheme for Adolescent Girls has been approved by the Government for out of school girls in the age group of 11-14 years, hence, at present there is no vocational training component under the scheme. However, life skill education is imparted to out of school girls in the age group of 11-14 years which include confidence building, self awareness and self esteem, decision making, critical thinking, communication skills, rights & entitlement, coping with stress and responding to peer pressure, functional literacy (wherever required) effective home management, budgeting, saving, gender sensitivity, importance of education for children etc.
- (d): Does not arise.
- (e): The State Governments/UT Administration is implementing the scheme using the infrastructure and manpower of Anganwadi Services scheme under umbrella ICDS. To increase the coverage and improve the functioning of the said scheme, the Government is reviewing the performance of the Scheme at regular intervals on a quarterly/annual basis to identify gaps for taking corrective measures. Monitoring committees are set up at various levels to take stock of the progress of the scheme as also strengthen the coordination and convergence between concerned departments.

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (a) to (b) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No 499 by Shri Naranbhai Kachhadiya; Shri Parbatbhai Savabhai Patel for 26.07.2019 regarding Scheme for Adolescent Girls

Nutrition beneficiaries under SAG during last three years

S.No.	States/UTs	Nutrition Beneficiaries (11-14 out of school girls)		
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
1	Andhra Pradesh	15261	14763	39181
2	Arunachal Pradesh	526	266	NR
3	Assam	74727	NR	54352
4	Bihar	492609	396805	130222
5	Chhattisgarh	14681	13673	16093
6	Goa	42	45	21
7	Gujarat	NR	NR	174620
8	Haryana	592	667	5066
9	Himachal Pradesh	944	939	630
10	Jammu & Kashmir	9480	NR	16963
11	Jharkhand	58568	63515	NR
12	Karnataka	48971	28022	58670
13	Kerala	276	712	NR
14	Madhya Pradesh	122230	125452	305000
15	Maharashtra	56936	45898	24478
16	Manipur	5079	5061	4056
17	Meghalaya	1801	1852	1655
18	Mizoram	1124	897	715
19	Nagaland	10326	6455	7320
20	Orissa	58217	56893	NR
21	Punjab	4338	2143	4339
22	Rajasthan	NR	NR	173591
23	Sikkim	NR	6	NR
24	Tamil Nadu	2453	2337	NR
25	Telangana	8369	NR	19410
26	Tripura	2930	971	56045
27	Uttar Pradesh	496000	NR	277000
28	Uttaranchal	NR	NR	NR
29	West Bengal	1996	2842	43287
30	A&N Islands	31	25	21
31	Chandigarh	220	186	55
32	Daman & Diu	0	0	20
33	D & NH	652	NR	NR
34	Delhi	5029	3383	2152
35	Lakshadweep	9	10	7
36	Pondicherry	16	18	22
	Total	1494433	773836	1414991

NR: Not Reported