ICDS

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

(a) whether the Union Government provides food, pre-school education and primary health care at Anganwadi Centres under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether NITI Aayog in its National Nutrition Strategy had recommended initiating pilot schemes in districts to test if cash transfers could replace the provision of take-home rations and supplementary nutrition as part of its ICDS to plug leakages and poor quality food supplement;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government has increased the per day cost per beneficiary for children between the ages of six months and three years, severely malnourished children, pregnant women and lactating mothers under the scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) Anganwadi Services (under Umbrella ICDS Scheme) provide a package of six services, namely, supplementary nutrition, pre-school non-formal education, nutrition & health education, immunization, health check-up and referral services. The beneficiaries of the Scheme are children below 6 years of age, pregnant women and lactating mothers. The details are as under:

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<th>Services</th>
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<td>Children below 6 years</td>
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Immunization

Children below 6 years
Pregnant & Lactating Mother

Auxiliary Nurse
Midwife/ASHA/Medical Officer

Health Check-up

Children below 6 years
Pregnant & Lactating Mother

Auxiliary Nurse
Midwife/ASHA Medical Officer/
Anganwadi Worker

Referral Services

Children below 6 years
Pregnant & Lactating Mother
(P&LM)

Anganwadi Worker /Auxiliary
Nurse Midwife/Medical Officer
[Health system, MHFW]

Pre-School
Education

Children 3-6 years

Anganwadi Worker

Nutrition &
Health
Education

Women (15-45 years)

Anganwadi Worker /Auxiliary
Nurse Midwife/Medical Officer

(b) & (c) The States of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan have requested for introduction of conditional cash transfer in lieu of Take Home Ration under Anganwadi Services Scheme.

(d) & (e) Cost norms of Supplementary Nutrition under Anganwadi Services with annual indexation have been revised in October, 2017 as per following details:

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