

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 3846**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2023

**SAKSHAM AND SABLA SCHEME**

3846. SHRI T.N.PRATHAPAN

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

- (a) whether the SAKSHAM-Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Boys has failed to reach the beneficiaries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has the record of the total number of adolescent boys and girls in respective Anganwadi areas, ward, panchayat and districts and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details and the progress of the SABLA scheme under the umbrella of Integrated Child Development Services?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
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(a) to (c) The Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Boys was announced on 27.02.2014 by the previous Government and was not implemented.

(d) For self-development and empowerment of adolescent girls in the age group of 11-18 years, SABLA was launched in 2010 on pilot basis in 205 districts of the country. The scheme was renamed as Scheme for Adolescent Girls and extended to additional 303 districts across the country in 2017-18. Thereafter, with effect from 01.04.2018, the Scheme was extended to all the districts of the country covering only out-of-school adolescent girls in the age group of 11-14 years.

With the enforcement of Right to Education Act, 2009, there was a decline seen in the number of beneficiaries of the Scheme since the RTE Act provides legal entitlement for compulsory and free education to adolescent girls in the age group of 11-14 years and all the adolescent girls are entitled to go to school.

Keeping this in view, Scheme for Adolescent Girls was revised w.e.f. 01.04.2022 and was subsumed under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0. The Scheme aims at providing nutritional support to Adolescent Girls (14-18 years) for improving their health and nutritional status in the Aspirational Districts and all districts of North Eastern States. Under the Scheme, services are provided under following Components:

(i) **Nutrition:** There is a provision of providing supplementary nutrition containing 600 calories, 18-20 grams of protein and micronutrients to adolescent girls in the age group of 14-18 years for 300 days in a year.

(ii) **Non Nutrition Component:** There is a provision for providing IFA supplementation, Health check-up and Referral services, Nutrition & Health Education and Skill Training

Under the Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG), State-wise number of beneficiaries as reported in the Poshan Tracker, during the current financial year is as below:

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of State</b>	<b>Number of Beneficiaries as on July 2023</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	16125
2	Arunachal Pradesh	13162
3	Assam	178492
4	Bihar	256174
5	Chattisgarh	141807
6	Gujrat	85636
7	Haryana	19004
8	Himachal Pradesh	17222
9	Jammu Kashmir	21464
10	Jharkhand	267733
11	Karnataka	1724
12	Kerala	19209
13	Madhya Pradesh	156317
14	Maharashtra	119744
15	Manipur	52606
16	Meghalaya	59752
17	Mizoram	23978
18	Nagaland	23777
19	Odisha	297801
20	Punjab	30184
21	Rajasthan	46362
22	Sikkim	10396
23	Tamil Nadu	44034
24	Telangana	35971
25	Tripura	33063
26	Uttar Pradesh	263244
27	Uttrakhand	78397
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2313378</b>

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