

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2152
TO BE ANSWER ON 23.09.2020

NATIONAL CRECHE SCHEME

2152. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:
SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

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

- (a) whether the proportion of women engaged primarily in domestic duties has increased during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any child-care subsidies are being provided to mothers by the Government, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has implemented the National Creches Scheme; and
- (d) whether delayed and non-existent payment from the State have prompted many creches to shut down across the country and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) National Crèche Scheme is implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme through the States/UTs with effect from 01.01.2017 to provide day care facilities to children (age group of 6 months- 6 years) of working mothers. The Scheme provides supplementary nutrition, health care inputs like immunization, polio drops, basic health monitoring, sleeping facilities, early stimulation (below 3 yrs), pre-school education for 3-6 yrs. As on 21.09.2020, 6004 crèches are functional across the country.

As per, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) report, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, women attending domestic duties in rural areas decreased from 45.1 per cent in 2017-18 to 44.1 per cent in 2018-19 and women attending domestic duties in urban areas increased from 47.3 per cent in 2017-18 to 47.4 per cent in 2018-19.

The Government of India provides direct/ indirect support in cash or kind to the mothers for nutrition support & child-care through various schemes such as Anganwadi services, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, etc.
