

MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

DEMAND NO. 105

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A. The Budget allocations, net of recoveries, are given below:

Major Head	Actual 2009-2010			Budget 2010-2011			Revised 2010-2011			<i>(In crores of Rupees)</i> Budget 2011-2012			
	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	
Revenue	8482.32	73.67	8555.99	11000.00	70.50	11070.50	10370.00	74.27	10444.27	12650.00	83.00	12733.00	
Capital	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	8482.32	73.67	8555.99	11000.00	70.50	11070.50	10370.00	74.27	10444.27	12650.00	83.00	12733.00	
1. Secretariat-Social Services	2251	1.22	18.42	19.64	2.00	17.11	19.11	2.00	20.67	22.67	2.00	20.40	22.40
Social Security and Welfare													
Child Welfare													
2. Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS)	2235	15.39	...	15.39	25.20	...	25.20	22.62	...	22.62	28.52	...	28.52
	3601	8059.91	...	8059.91	7699.51	...	7699.51	8233.59	...	8233.59	8848.45	...	8848.45
	3602	79.22	...	79.22	82.00	...	82.00	84.00	...	84.00	87.22	...	87.22
	<i>Total</i>	<i>8154.52</i>	...	<i>8154.52</i>	<i>7806.71</i>	...	<i>7806.71</i>	<i>8340.21</i>	...	<i>8340.21</i>	<i>8964.19</i>	...	<i>8964.19</i>
3. World Bank ICDS - IV Project	2235	...	...	...	0.01	...	0.01	1.99	...	1.99	75.00	...	75.00
	3601	...	...	...	125.98	...	125.98	88.00	...	88.00	253.00	...	253.00
	3602	...	...	...	0.01	...	0.01	0.01	...	0.01	2.00	...	2.00
	<i>Total</i>	...	...	...	<i>126.00</i>	...	<i>126.00</i>	<i>90.00</i>	...	<i>90.00</i>	<i>330.00</i>	...	<i>330.00</i>
4. Contribution to UNICEF	2235	...	3.80	3.80	...	3.80	3.80	...	3.80	3.80	...	3.80	3.80
5. National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD)	2235	6.70	14.80	21.50	9.00	13.50	22.50	7.65	14.80	22.45	9.90	15.00	24.90
6. Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme for the Children of Working Mothers	2235	99.93	0.01	99.94	63.00	0.35	63.35	63.00	...	63.00	76.50	...	76.50
7. Shishu Greh Scheme	2235	1.96	...	1.96	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8. Integrated Scheme for Street Children	2235	3.34	...	3.34	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9. Scheme for the welfare of working children and children in need of care and protection	2235	9.50	...	9.50	11.25	...	11.25	11.25	...	11.25	9.00	...	9.00
10. Scheme for Prevention and control of Juvenile Social Mal-adjustment	2235
	3601	7.93	...	7.93
	3602
	<i>Total</i>	<i>7.93</i>	...	<i>7.93</i>

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		Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total
11. Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA)	2235	0.43	1.15	1.58	1.80	1.50	3.30	1.80	1.35	3.15	6.30	2.00	8.30
12. Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)	2235	9.33	...	9.33	22.00	...	22.00	18.00	...	18.00	39.00	...	39.00
	3601	33.30	...	33.30	240.00	...	240.00	66.00	...	66.00	196.00	...	196.00
	3602	...	...	...	8.00	...	8.00	4.00	...	4.00	8.00	...	8.00
	<i>Total</i>	<i>42.63</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>42.63</i>	<i>270.00</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>270.00</i>	<i>88.00</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>88.00</i>	<i>243.00</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>243.00</i>
13. Conditional Cash Transfer Scheme for the Girl Child with Insurance cover (Dhanalakshmi)	2235	5.00	...	5.00	10.00	...	10.00	10.00	...	10.00	10.00	...	10.00
14. Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (RGSEAG) - SABLA	2235	...	...	...	3.00	...	3.00	1.02	...	1.02	7.20	...	7.20
	3601	...	...	...	882.00	...	882.00	299.88	...	299.88	656.60	...	656.60
	3602	...	...	...	15.00	...	15.00	5.10	...	5.10	11.20	...	11.20
	<i>Total</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>900.00</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>900.00</i>	<i>306.00</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>306.00</i>	<i>675.00</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>675.00</i>
15. Other Schemes	2235	24.77	0.24	25.01	58.10	0.68	58.78	58.10	0.68	58.78	59.31	0.68	59.99
Total-Child Welfare		8356.71	20.00	8376.71	9255.86	19.83	9275.69	8976.01	20.63	8996.64	10383.20	21.48	10404.68
Women Welfare													
16. Condensed Courses for Women Education	2235	7.00	...	7.00	9.00	...	9.00	9.00	...	9.00	4.50	...	4.50
17. Hostels for Working Women	2235	9.40	...	9.40	13.48	...	13.48	13.48	...	13.48	8.98	...	8.98
	3601	...	...	...	0.01	...	0.01	0.01	...	0.01	0.01	...	0.01
	3602	...	...	...	0.01	...	0.01	0.01	...	0.01	0.01	...	0.01
	<i>Total</i>	<i>9.40</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>9.40</i>	<i>13.50</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>13.50</i>	<i>13.50</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>13.50</i>	<i>9.00</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>9.00</i>
18. Support to Training & Employment Programme (STEP)	2235	12.28	...	12.28	22.00	...	22.00	22.00	...	22.00	17.50	...	17.50
19. Central Social Welfare Board (CSWB)	2235	25.97	18.29	44.26	38.25	19.00	57.25	43.20	19.00	62.20	41.40	19.18	60.58
20. Short Stay Homes (SSH)	2235	16.00	1.35	17.35	22.50	0.75	23.25	27.00	...	27.00	33.30	...	33.30
21. Awareness Generation Programme (AGP)	2235	6.00	...	6.00	3.00	...	3.00	3.00	...	3.00	1.80	...	1.80
22. National Commission for Women (NCW)	2235	4.85	4.30	9.15	4.50	3.25	7.75	4.50	2.85	7.35	8.10	3.30	11.40
23. Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK)	2235	16.00	...	16.00	15.00	...	15.00	...	...	...	90.00	...	90.00
24. Swayamsiddha - Phase II	2235	...	...	...	1.00	...	1.00	...	...	...	0.38	...	0.38
	3601	...	...	...	3.50	...	3.50	...	...	...	2.16	...	2.16
	3602	...	...	...	0.50	...	0.50	...	...	...	0.16	...	0.16
	<i>Total</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>5.00</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>5.00</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>2.70</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>2.70</i>
25. Swadhar	2235	14.97	...	14.97	30.00	...	30.00	30.00	...	30.00	26.50	...	26.50
26. Comprehensive Scheme for Combating Trafficking (Ujjawala)	2235	4.99	...	4.99	9.00	...	9.00	6.30	...	6.30	9.00	...	9.00
27. Priyadarshini Scheme	2235	0.04	...	0.04	29.79	...	29.79	29.79	...	29.79	26.10	...	26.10

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		Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	
28.	Scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women	2235	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		3601	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		3602	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	<i>Total</i>		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
29.	Gender Budgeting & Gender Disaggregated Data	2235	0.29	...	0.29	1.80	...	1.80	0.90	...	0.90	0.90	...	0.90
30.	Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY) - CMB Scheme	2235	...	...	...	2.00	...	2.00	0.77	...	0.77	5.80	...	5.80
		3601	...	...	...	344.00	...	344.00	132.31	...	132.31	455.60	...	455.60
		3602	...	...	...	5.00	...	5.00	1.92	...	1.92	6.60	...	6.60
	<i>Total</i>		...	...	...	351.00	...	351.00	135.00	...	135.00	468.00	...	468.00
31.	National Mission for Empowerment of Women	2235	...	...	...	40.00	...	40.00	10.00	...	10.00	13.00	...	13.00
		3601	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22.00	...	22.00
		3602	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.00	...	1.00
	<i>Total</i>		...	...	...	40.00	...	40.00	10.00	...	10.00	36.00	...	36.00
32.	Other Programmes (Relief to and Rehabilitation of Rape Victims)	2235	...	0.09	0.09	36.00	0.20	36.20	0.05	0.20	0.25	0.30	7.20	7.50
		3601	...	...	...	...	...	...	8.60	...	8.60	122.70	...	122.70
		3602	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.35	...	0.35	3.00	...	3.00
	<i>Total</i>		...	0.09	0.09	36.00	0.20	36.20	9.00	0.20	9.20	126.00	7.20	133.20
	Total-Women Welfare		117.79	24.03	141.82	630.34	23.20	653.54	343.19	22.05	365.24	900.80	29.68	930.48
	Total-Social Security and Welfare Nutrition		8474.50	44.03	8518.53	9886.20	43.03	9929.23	9319.20	42.68	9361.88	11284.00	51.16	11335.16
33.	National Nutrition Mission	2236	...	...	...	0.60	...	0.60	0.60	...	0.60	43.00	...	43.00
		3601	...	...	...	0.30	...	0.30	0.30	...	0.30	46.00	...	46.00
		3602	...	...	...	0.10	...	0.10	0.10	...	0.10	1.00	...	1.00
	<i>Total</i>		...	...	...	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00	90.00	...	90.00
34.	Other Schemes -Nutrition Education Scheme(FNB)	2236	8.70	11.22	19.92	10.80	10.36	21.16	10.80	10.92	21.72	9.00	11.44	20.44
	Total-Nutrition		8.70	11.22	19.92	11.80	10.36	22.16	11.80	10.92	22.72	99.00	11.44	110.44
35.	<i>Provision for projects/schemes for the benefit of North Eastern Region and Sikkim</i>													
	35.01 Provision for Social Welfare-Child Welfare	2552	...	...	...	1038.14	...	1038.14	1000.49	...	1000.49	1080.70	...	1080.70
	35.02 Provision for Social Welfare-Women's Welfare	2552	...	...	...	60.66	...	60.66	35.31	...	35.31	173.30	...	173.30
	35.03 Provision for Nutrition	2552	...	...	...	1.20	...	1.20	1.20	...	1.20	11.00	...	11.00
	<i>Total- Provision for projects/schemes for the benefit of North Eastern Region and Sikkim</i>		1100.00	...	1100.00	1037.00	...	1037.00	1265.00	...	1265.00
36.	Actual Recoveries	2236	-0.49	...	-0.49
		2251	-1.61	...	-1.61

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Grand Total	<i>Total</i>	-2.10	...	-2.10	
		8482.32	73.67	8555.99	11000.00	70.50	11070.50	10370.00	74.27	10444.27	12650.00	83.00	12733.00
Head of Dev	Budget Support	IEBR	Total	Budget Support	IEBR	Total	Budget Support	IEBR	Total	Budget Support	IEBR	Total	
C. Plan Outlay													
1. Secretariat-Social Services	22251	-0.39	...	-0.39	2.00	...	2.00	2.00	...	2.00	2.00	...	2.00
2. Social Security and Welfare	22235	8474.50	...	8474.50	9886.20	...	9886.20	9319.20	...	9319.20	11284.00	...	11284.00
3. Nutrition	22236	8.21	...	8.21	11.80	...	11.80	11.80	...	11.80	99.00	...	99.00
4. North Eastern Areas	22552	...	...	...	1100.00	...	1100.00	1037.00	...	1037.00	1265.00	...	1265.00
Total		8482.32	...	8482.32	11000.00	...	11000.00	10370.00	...	10370.00	12650.00	...	12650.00

1. **Secretariat- Social Services:** The provision is for expenditure on secretariat of the Ministry. It also includes requirements for purchase of Information Technology applications, purchase of hardware and software, training etc. for strengthening of e-governance activities in the Ministry.

2. **Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS):** The provision is for providing an integrated package of health, supplementary nutrition and educational services to children up to six years of age, pregnant women and nursing mothers. The package includes supplementary nutrition, immunization, health check-up, referral services, nutrition and health education and non-formal pre-school education. In order to universalize the scheme, the Government has approved a cumulative number of 7076 Projects and 14 lakh Anganwadi Centres/Mini Anganwadi Centres, including 20,000 Anganwadis on demand. From the financial year 2009-10, Government of India has modified the funding pattern of ICDS between Centre and States. The sharing pattern of all components except supplementary nutrition has been changed to 90:10 between the Centre and States/UTs. For SNP, the ratio of 50:50 continues except for North-Eastern States, where it has been changed to 90:10. The allocation for ICDS has gone up from ₹ 8700 crore in 2010-11 to ₹ 10,000 crore in 2011-12 which also includes ₹ 1035.81 crore for implementing the scheme in North Eastern States.

3. **World Bank ICDS-IV Project:** This will focus on systems strengthening and improving service delivery through necessary technical and managerial support in selected high-burden Districts where prevalence of child malnutrition is very high. All activities proposed under the project would be over and above the eligible activities under the ICDS (General). A budget provision of ₹ 330 crore for the project includes the external aided component of ₹ 231 crore.

4. **Contribution to UNICEF:** The provision is for meeting expenditure on India's contribution to the UNICEF and administrative expenditure of its office in New Delhi.

5. **National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD):** The aim of the Institute is to develop and promote voluntary action for social development, comprehensive view of child development and promotion of programmes in pursuance of the National

Policy for Children. The Institute conducts research and evaluation studies, organizes training programmes, seminars, workshops, conferences, provides information services in the field of public cooperation and child development and also caters to the need of training and research consultancy through its headquarters in New Delhi and its four regional centres at Bangalore, Guwahati, Indore and Lucknow. The Institute has emerged as a leading training agency for ICDS & ICPS functionaries and for voluntary sector functionaries.

6. **Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme for the Children of Working Mothers:** The scheme aims to provide day care services for children in the age group of 0 to 6 years, belonging to economically weaker sections of society, whose family income does not exceed ₹ 12,000 per month. The creches running under the scheme provide health care, supplementary nutrition, medical check-up and immunization, etc.

7. **Shishu Greha Scheme:** The scheme is now subsumed in the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS).

8. **Integrated Scheme for Street Children:** The scheme is now subsumed in the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS).

9. **Scheme for the Welfare of Working Children and Children in need of care and protection:** The scheme is intended to provide non-formal education, vocational training to working children to facilitate their entry/re-entry into mainstream education in cases where they have either not attended any learning system or where for some reasons their education has been discontinued. The programme lends support to (in urban areas not covered under the project of Ministry of Labour) interventions for the holistic development of child workers and potential child workers such as children of slum/pavement dwellers, children living on railway platforms, children working in shops and dhabas, etc.

10. **Scheme for Prevention and control of Juvenile Social Maladjustment:** The scheme is now subsumed in the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS).

11. **Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA):** It was set up in 1990 and has been registered as an autonomous body under the Registration of Societies Act, 1860. Its main function is to regulate and monitor in-country and inter-country adoptions.

12. **Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS):** The Ministry has launched this Centrally Sponsored Scheme with a view to create a safe and secure environment for comprehensive development of children who are in need of care and protection, children in conflict with law and other vulnerable children. The scheme is being implemented from the financial year 2009-10 through the State Governments / UT Administrations on a cost-sharing basis. So far 33 States / UTs have signed MoU for implementing the Scheme. The programme components include Institutional Services like Shelter Homes, Children's Homes, Observation Homes, Special Homes; Dedicated Service delivery structures at Central, State and district levels; Family based non-institutional care through sponsorship, foster care, adoption, after care programme; Emergency outreach service through Childline and Child Tracking System.

13. **Conditional Cash Transfer Scheme for the Girl Child with Insurance cover (Dhanlakshmi):** This is a Central Sector scheme being implemented on a pilot basis in 11 blocks of 7 States viz, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Chattisgarh and Odissa. The scheme is aimed at eliminating discrimination against girl child which is there at every step of her life in terms of foeticide, infanticide, little or no access to education, health and other services as well as violence and abuse. Cash transfer will be provided to the family of the girl child (preferably the mother) on fulfilling certain conditionalities for the girl child viz. birth and registration of the girl child, immunisation, enrolment to school and retention in school.

14. **Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (RGSEAG):** This is a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme for adolescent girls (11-18 Years) also known as SABLA. It is being implemented using the platform of Integrated Child Development Services Scheme. Anganwadi Centres are the focal point for the delivery of the services. An integrated package of services to be provided to adolescent girls includes Nutrition provision, IFA supplementation, Health check-up and Referral services, Nutrition & Health Education, Counselling/Guidance on family welfare, Child care practices and Home management, Life skill Education and Accessing public services and Vocational training (for girls aged 16 and above). The scheme will be implemented in 200 districts across the country on pilot basis, to begin with.

15. **Other Schemes (Child welfare):** These include provision for the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, National Awards for Child Welfare, Children's Day, Research Publications, Assistance to Voluntary Organizations in the field of Women and Child Development also called Scheme for Innovative project as well as Information & Mass Media and Publication.

16. **Condensed Courses for Women Education:** The scheme is implemented through the Central Social Welfare Board. The objective of the scheme is to provide education to those women who for various social and economic reasons are unable to complete their formal education. The scheme helps them in acquiring education and later on employment. Under this programme voluntary organizations are given grants to conduct courses for primary/middle/high school level examinations.

17. **Hostels for Working Women:** This scheme envisages provision for safe and affordable accommodation to working women and women being trained for employment and girl students studying in post-school professional courses. This scheme is implemented through non-

governmental organisations and other agencies engaged in the field of women/social welfare, public sector undertakings, Women's Development Corporations, local bodies, universities, etc.

18. **Support to Training and Employment Programme (STEP):** The scheme seeks to provide updated skills and new knowledge to poor and assetless women in traditional sectors such as agriculture, animal husbandry, dairying, fisheries, handlooms, handicraft, khadi & village industries, sericulture, waste land development and social forestry for enhancing their productivity and income generation. The scope and coverage of the scheme has been broadened with introduction of the locally appropriate sectors.

19. **Central Social Welfare Board (CSWB):** The Central Social Welfare Board (CSWB) was established in 1953 as an interface between the Government and the voluntary sector to promote social development in the country. Over the years the CSWB has initiated several programmes for the welfare and development of women and children, specially in rural areas. The important programmes that are currently being implemented include Condensed Courses of Education for women and girls, Awareness Generation Programmes, Creche Scheme, Family Counselling Centres and Short Stay Homes. These schemes are implemented through Voluntary Organizations in collaboration with State Social Welfare Boards.

20. **Short Stay Homes:** The Scheme seeks to protect and rehabilitate women and girls who are facing social and moral danger due to family problems, mental stress, social ostracism, crime, violence or other causes by providing temporary accommodation, maintenance and rehabilitative services. The scheme provides services like medical care, counselling, occupational therapy, vocational and recreational activities.

21. **Awareness Generation Programme (AGP):** This programme is aimed at inculcating a spirit of organized activity among the rural women for identifying their needs/problems and for chalking out plans of action to meet the various challenges that come their way. The programme is implemented through the Central Social Welfare Board.

22. **National Commission for Women (NCW):** National Commission for Women is a statutory body constituted under National Commission for Women Act 1990. It has the mandate to investigate and examine all matters relating to the safeguards provided for women under the Constitution and other laws. It looks into complaints and takes suo moto notice of matters relating to deprivation of Women's rights etc. The Central Government provides grants to the Commission for carrying out its mandate.

23. **Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK):** Rashtriya Mahila Kosh was established in 1993 as a Society with an initial corpus of ₹ 31 crore, which has been raised to ₹ 100 crore by additions to the corpus made between 2006-07 to 2009-10. It extends micro-credit to poor and underprivileged women through a collateral-free, quasi-formal delivery mechanism where NGOs, women co-operatives, federations etc. act as intermediaries. The corpus of RMK is proposed to be raised to ₹ 500 crore over the next few years by restructuring it to Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) mode.

24. **Swayamsiddha Phase II:** This Scheme is proposed for holistic empowerment of women through formation of Self Help Groups (SHGs), awareness generation, economic empowerment and convergence of various schemes keeping in view the lessons learnt from Swayamsiddha Phase I, which was implemented in 650 blocks across the 33 States / Uts.

25. **Swadhar:** Recognising the need for a project based approach to address the requirements of women in difficult circumstances, this scheme was introduced in 2001-02. The objective of the scheme is to comprehensively rehabilitate widows, victims of trafficking, victims of natural calamities, mentally challenged and destitute women. The scheme provides for support like food and shelter, counselling, medical facilities and vocational training to women. The scheme also envisages setting up help-lines for women in distress.

26. **Comprehensive Scheme for Combating Trafficking (Ujjawala):** This scheme which was introduced in December 2007 aims at prevention of trafficking and at providing support for rescue, rehabilitation, reintegration and repatriation of victims of trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation. The Scheme is being implemented mainly through NGOs.

27. **Priyadarshini Scheme:** As a women's empowerment and livelihood programme, the project aims at the holistic empowerment of poor rural women and adolescent girls, supported by sustainable and improved livelihood opportunities and strengthening of local institutions. It is to be introduced in four districts of Uttar Pradesh and two districts of Bihar with external assistance of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). A budget provision of ₹ 26.10 crore including external aided component of ₹ 24.35 crore has been made.

29. **Gender Budgeting & Gender Data:** The Scheme provides support for organizing workshops and disseminating the concepts, strategies and tools of Gender Budgeting to the Central Govt Ministries/Departments, State Govt. Departments, and State Commissions for Women, State Institutes of Rural Development etc., and preparation of resource / training manuals for facilitating adoption of Gender Budgeting by various stakeholders. The Scheme also provides for setting up a Gender Budgeting Bureau in the Ministry.

30. **Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY):** It is a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme, which envisages providing cash directly to pregnant and lactating women (P & L Women) from the end of 2nd trimester of pregnancy up to 6 months after delivery. ₹ 4000 will be provided to the pregnant and lactating women in three instalments in response to fulfilling specific conditions related to health & nutrition of mother and child. The scheme would address short term income support objectives with long term objective of behaviour and attitudinal change. The scheme is being implemented in 52 districts across the country on a pilot basis, to begin with.

31. **National Mission for Empowerment of Women:** The National Mission is the outcome of the recommendations of the Committee of Governors, headed by Dr. A R Kidwai. It is an Inter-Ministerial Convergence mechanism which will oversee the functioning of the programmes, policies and schemes for gender empowerment of various Ministries and Departments of the Government of India as well as State Governments and Panchayati Raj Institutions for socio-economic empowerment of women and for better coordination and synergy among stakeholders.

32. **Other programmes (Financial Assistance and Support Services to Victims of Rape: A Scheme for Restorative Justice):** The Scheme seeks to provide restorative justice to victims of rape through financial assistance as well as support services such as medical, shelter, counselling, etc.

33. **National Nutrition Mission:** A National Nutrition Mission (NNM) was set up under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister in 2003. Subsequently in 2008, the Prime Minister's National Council on India's Nutritional Challenges was constituted. The meeting of the Council held on

24.11.2010 interalia decided to (i) Strengthen and restructure the ICDS scheme, (ii) Introduce a multi-sectoral programme to address maternal and child malnutrition in selected 200 high-burden districts, (iii) Introducing a nationwide information, education and communication campaign against malnutrition and (iv) Making nutrition a focus in the programmes and schemes of line Ministries.

34. **Other Schemes (Nutrition Education Scheme):** The Government of India adopted the National Nutrition Policy under the aegis of Ministry of Women and Child Development in 1993 making it the nodal Ministry for Nutrition. Food and Nutrition Board (FNB) is primarily engaged in Nutrition Education and Training Activities and follow up action on the National Nutrition Policy.

35. **Provision for projects / schemes for the benefit of North Eastern Region and Sikkim:** A provision of ₹ 1265.00 crore has been made for the benefit of the North Eastern Region States and Sikkim. During the course of the year, funds will be re-appropriated from this provision to the respective schemes for the benefit of the North Eastern Region States and Sikkim.