

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 945**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2019

**READY-TO-USE THERAPEUTIC FOOD**

945. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

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

- (a) whether her Ministry has supported the use of Ready-to-use Therapeutic Food (RUTF), if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the decision of introduction of RUTF has been left to States, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study or initiated any pilot project in this regard, if so, the details of results thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether RUTF has been tested in other countries, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether any alternate mechanism has been put in place in other countries to ensure that affordable and nutritious food is accessible to malnourished children?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)

- (a) to (c): The Government has advised States/UTs that for the management of children with Severe Malnutrition, the decision to provide RUTF may be taken by the individual States/UTs in consultation with the National Technical Board on Nutrition under the Chairmanship of Member, NITI Aayog.
- (d): As per the information provided by UNICEF, some of the countries are using RUTF for treatment of Severe Acute Malnutrition.
- (e): No such information is available with this Ministry.

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