

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.150**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2022

**ICDS IN UTTAR PRADESH**

150: SMT. KANTA KARDAM:

Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) and Women Empowerment Scheme being implemented in the country especially in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) whether any task force has been constituted by Government for proper planning of these schemes and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of funds released for these schemes in the Budget?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) Government has approved Saksham Aanganwadi and Mission Poshan 2.0, an integrated nutrition support programme in place of earlier ICDS. In the State of Uttar Pradesh, a total of 897 Projects and 1,90,145 Anganwadi Centres have been sanctioned out of which all the 897 Projects are operational and 1,89,430 Anganwadi Centres are operational (as on 30.06.2022) catering to the needs of around 1.77 crore beneficiaries. Under Anganwadi Services, a package of six services, comprising Supplementary nutrition; pre-school non-formal education; nutrition and health education; immunization; health checkup; and referral services are provided to targeted beneficiaries i.e. all children below 6 years of age, Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers. Three of the six services namely, Immunization, Health Check-up and Referral Services are delivered through Public Health Infrastructure under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. As on 30.11.2022, a total of Rs. 10877.52 crores has been released by the Ministry for the implementation of Anganwadi Services for the FY 2022-23.

Government of India has launched 'Mission Shakti' – an integrated women empowerment programme as umbrella scheme by converging various sub-schemes relating to safety, security and empowerment of women for greater efficiency, effectiveness and financial prudence. The Umbrella Scheme of Mission Shakti has two sub-schemes namely "Sambal" and "Samarthya".

'Samarthya' sub-scheme has a new component i.e. Hub for Empowerment of Women (HEW) at National, State and District levels for Empowerment of Women. HEW aims to facilitate inter-sectoral convergence of schemes and programs meant for women at the central (NHEW), State/UT (SHEW) and district (DHEW) levels with the mandate to create an environment in which women realize their full potential. The support under the HEW would be for guiding, linking and hand holding women to various institutional and schematic set ups for their empowerment and development including facilitating access to healthcare, quality education, career and vocational counseling/ training, financial inclusion, entrepreneurship, backward and forward linkages, health and safety for workers, social security and digital literacy at districts/ Blocks/ Gram Panchayats level across the country.

The implementation of the scheme is the responsibility of States/UTs. Under Poshan 2.0, the District Nutrition Committee chaired by District Magistrates/Deputy Commissioners is responsible for nutrition outcomes in the district and activities under the programme are monitored through a team of field officers. The Ministry of Women and Child Development also holds regular meetings to review and monitor implementation of the Anganwadi Services/Sakhi Niwas/HEW/etc. There have been sustained engagements with State Governments for review and improvement including recent interactions to discuss different implementation related issues to strengthen services.

As regards Anganwadi Services Scheme, measures taken to improve services include revision of cost norms of supplementary nutrition, provision of construction of Anganwadi Centres under Convergence with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), provision of drinking water and sanitation facilities at AWCs under Swachhta Action Plan (SAP), up-gradation of Anganwadi Centres to Saksham Anganwadi Centres, etc. Further, streamlined guidelines were issued on 13.01.2021, covering several aspects such as quality assurance, roles and responsibilities of duty holders, procedure for procurement, integrating AYUSH concepts and Data management and monitoring through Poshan Tracker for transparency, efficiency and accountability in delivery of Supplementary Nutrition.

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