

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 1750
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023

MODERNISATION OF ANGANWADIS

1750. SMT. P.T. USHA:

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

- a. whether Government is intending to modernize and augment facilities of Anganwadis in the country keeping in view the enhanced role of Anganwadis in overall development of children, and if so, the details thereof;
- b. funds allocated by Central Government for the same in the last five years and current year;
- c. whether Government has further received any representation from State Governments for enhancing the Central Government share of allocations towards construction of own buildings for Anganwadis in Government land; and
- d. if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) This Ministry has taken various steps to modernise and augment facilities at Anganwadis as follows :
- i. Under Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0, two lakh Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) (40,000 AWCs per year) would be strengthened and upgraded for improved nutrition delivery and early childhood care and development of children under 6 years of age. This year 40,000 AWCs have been identified in aspirational districts for upgradation as Saksham Anganwadis with better infrastructure including internet/wifi connectivity, LED screens and smart learning and audio-visual aids and child-friendly learning equipment.
 - ii. The cost of construction of toilet per AWC has been revised to Rs.36000/- from Rs.12000/- and the cost for providing drinking water facilities has been revised to Rs.17000/- from Rs.10000/-.
 - iii. States/UTs have been advised to take up the matter of installation of rainwater harvesting in Government owned Anganwadi buildings.
 - iv. 50,000 AWCs (@10,000 AWCs per year) would be constructed under convergence with MGNREGS for a five year period ending FY 2025-26.
 - v. Grants are sanctioned for purchase of furniture, equipment, etc.
 - vi. Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) have been provided with Smart Phones for efficient service delivery and Anganwadi Centres have been equipped with Growth Monitoring Devices.

(b) In order to implement various components of the scheme including modernisation of Anganwadi Centre, the funds allocated by Central Government during the last five years and current year is as under:

(Rupees in crore)

Sl.No.	Year	Funds released
1.	2017-18	15,155.34
2.	2018-19	16,811.71
3.	2019-20	16,891.99
4.	2020-21	15784.39
5.	2021-22	18208.85
6.	2022-23*	15840.84

*Fund released up 10.03.2023

(c) & (d) Keeping in view the escalation of rates of construction materials and wages (skilled/ semi skilled, unskilled), the cost of construction of AWC buildings under convergence with MGNREGA has been revised to Rs.12.00 lakh per AWC. Rs.8.00 lakh would be provided under MGNREGS, Rs.2.00 lakh under 15th Finance Commission funds (any other untied funds) and Rs.2.00 lakh by MWCD per AWC to be shared between Centre and States/UTs in the prescribed cost sharing ratio.
