

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 797**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023

**SOLAR PANELS IN ANGANWADIS AND SCHOOLS**

797. SMT. SANGEETA YADAV:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that due to erratic power supply in the rural areas, functioning of Anganwadis and rural schools are getting hampered;
- (b) if so, whether Ministry in collaboration with Ministry of New and Renewable Energy will consider setting up solar overhead rooftops in the schools and Anganwadis so that hot cooked meal under PM Poshan 2.0 is served to the kids;
- (c) whether any proposal in this regard is under consideration of Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) to (d): The responsibility of electrification of Anganwadi Centre building falls within the purview of State Governments/ UT Administrations as Anganwadi Services is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented by States/ UTs. As per approved cost norms for administrative expenses under Anganwadi Services, there is a provision for payment of electricity bills at AWC/ Mini AWC level. Further, at present, there is no proposal under consideration of this Ministry to set up solar overhead rooftops in the Anganwadis in collaboration with Ministry of New & Renewable Energy.

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