

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1794
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024

ANGANWADI CENTRES IN THE COUNTRY

1794. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

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

- (a) the number of Anganwadi centres (AWCs) and the children enrolled in these centres during the last three years in Maharashtra district-wise;
- (b) whether many of the Anganwadi centre buildings in Maharashtra are in bad condition and if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken to improve the infrastructure facility at Anganwadi Centres; and
- (c) whether Government propose to increase remuneration of Anganwadi Workers and Helpers in view of the price-rise and less salary being paid to them?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a): The number of Anganwadi Centres and children enrolled therein during the last 3 years, year-wise and district-wise in Maharashtra is given at **Annexure I**.

(b): To improve infrastructure at AWCs, a provision for new construction @ Rs. 12 lakh per AWC is there with convergence from MGNREGS out of which Ministry provides Rs.2 lakh per AWC on prescribed cost sharing basis. Further, under PM-JANMAN, the Ministry provides Rs.12 lakh per AWC for construction of Anganwadi centre in PVTG areas on 100 % cost sharing basis. Under PM-JANMAN, 68 AWCs have been sanctioned in Maharashtra during 2023-24 for construction in PVTG habitations and funds amounting to Rs 8.16 crores have been allocated.

During the 15th Finance Commission cycle, 2 lakh Anganwadi Centres @ 40,000 AWCs per year are to be upgraded as Saksham Anganwadis for improved nutrition delivery and for early childhood care and education (ECCE). Saksham Anganwadis are to be provided with better infrastructure than the conventional Anganwadi Centres including internet/Wi-Fi connectivity through Bharat Net (wherever possible), LED screens, water purifier/installation of RO Machine, Poshan Vatika, ECCE books and learning material etc. For the State of Maharashtra, a total of 1150 and 589 AWCs were approved for upgradation to Saksham AWCs in FY 2022-23 and 2023-24 respectively for which a total amount of Rs.873.87 lakhs has been released.

The unit cost approved for construction of toilet is Rs.36000/- per AWC and for drinking water provisioning the approved cost is Rs. 17000/- per AWC to be shared by Centre and States/UTs as per the cost sharing ratio. An amount of Rs.1782.24 lakhs for drinking water facilities and for construction of toilets an amount of Rs.2132.28 lakhs were released to State Government of Maharashtra during FY 2023-24.

(c): Anganwadi Workers (AWW) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWH) are “honorary workers” from the local community who voluntarily come forward to render their services in the area of child care and development to help the community for which Anganwadi Worker is paid honorarium @Rs.4,500/- per month and Anganwadi Helper is paid honorarium @Rs.2,250/- per month on cost sharing basis between the Centre and State/UT along with performance linked incentive of Rs.250/- per month for AWHs and Rs.500/- to AWWs. In addition, States/UTs are also paying additional monetary incentives/honorarium to these functionaries from their own resources which vary from State to State.

Further, under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, promotional opportunities for Anganwadi Workers have been enhanced across the country including State of Maharashtra. 50% posts of Anganwadi Workers are filled by Anganwadi Helpers with at least 5 years of experience and 50% posts of Supervisors are filled by promotion of Anganwadi Workers with at least 5 years of experience subject to fulfilment of other criteria.

Insurance benefits have been provided to Anganwadi Workers and Helpers under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) for life cover worth Rs.2.00 lakh (covers life risk, death due to any reason) in the age group of 18 to 50 years. Similarly, under Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana coverage is provided for accidental cover of Rs.2.00 Lakh (accidental death and permanent full disability) /Rs.1.00 Lakh (partial but permanent disability) to AWWs and AWHs in the age group of 18-59 years.

It has been announced in the interim budget FY 2024-25 to extend healthcare annual coverage of Rs. 5 Lakhs under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) to all Anganwadi workers and helpers.

Annexure I

Annexure to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.1794 on “Anganwadi Centres in the country” due for answer on 07.08.2024

S/N	2022 (as on June 2022)			2023 (as on June 2023)			2024 (as on June 2024)		
	District	Operational AWC	Number of children (0-6 Years)	District	Operational AWC	Number of children (0-6 Years)	District	Operational AWC	Number of children (0-6 Years)
1	Ahmednagar	5903	310308	Ahmednagar	5904	322339	Ahmednagar	5905	305222
2	Akola	1621	94243	Akola	1631	103832	Akola	1564	91076
3	Amravati	3189	191287	Amravati	3189	190783	Amravati	3189	179786
4	Aurangabad	3809	246836	Aurangabad	3839	261534	Beed	3273	189362
5	Beed	3264	181581	Beed	3274	199003	Bhandara	1417	73100
6	Bhandara	1417	73302	Bhandara	1417	74783	Buldana	2971	178931
7	Buldana	2970	180125	Buldana	2971	186510	Chandrapur	2962	119289
8	Chandrapur	2941	118239	Chandrapur	2962	127068	Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar	3839	244453
9	Dhule	2305	179832	Dhule	2306	198048	Dharashiv	2049	109013
10	Gadchiroli	2376	82006	Gadchiroli	2378	93023	Dhule	2328	189532
11	Gondia	1902	89851	Gondia	1902	102271	Gadchiroli	2386	86818
12	Hingoli	1193	86374	Hingoli	1196	94422	Gondia	1902	97101
13	Jalgaon	3943	306262	Jalgaon	3944	307772	Hingoli	1197	89193
14	Jalna	2135	163865	Jalna	2185	158183	Jalgaon	3944	288958
15	Kolhapur	4375	219381	Kolhapur	4418	215526	Jalna	2190	148924
16	Latur	2583	149212	Latur	2589	152605	Kolhapur	4422	203336
17	Mumbai City	927	64992	Mumbai City	927	66453	Latur	2593	148683
18	Mumbai Suburban	4220	314198	Mumbai Suburban	4220	330065	Mumbai City	926	64790
19	Nagpur	3405	172513	Nagpur	3406	203989	Mumbai Suburban	4221	314489
20	Nanded	4162	225523	Nanded	4166	259173	Nagpur	3404	207687
21	Nandurbar	2440	153842	Nandurbar	2570	175606	Nanded	4165	252793
22	Nashik	5703	377252	Nashik	5704	407671	Nandurbar	2563	162302
23	Osmanabad	2016	113131	Osmanabad	2034	117869	Nashik	5699	392476
24	Palghar	3183	194650	Palghar	3183	188305	Palghar	3352	189117
25	Parbhani	1837	109333	Parbhani	1841	116324	Parbhani	1844	110869

26	Pune	6037	396883	Pune	6084	415016	Pune	6091	395821
27	Raigad	3259	137789	Raigad	3262	136859	Raigad	3389	141179
28	Ratnagiri	2972	74301	Ratnagiri	2972	69800	Ratnagiri	2970	61811
29	Sangli	3105	150632	Sangli	3108	168596	Sangli	3107	158087
30	Satara	4921	171735	Satara	4924	160884	Satara	4926	146152
31	Sindhudurg	1591	32027	Sindhudurg	1592	30949	Sindhudurg	1539	26246
32	Solapur	4730	298019	Solapur	4735	294755	Solapur	4735	274393
33	Thane	3717	271938	Thane	3749	279082	Thane	3541	249055
34	Wardha	1625	73942	Wardha	1625	75148	Wardha	1627	70792
35	Washim	1195	89745	Washim	1196	91701	Washim	1266	91542
36	Yavatmal	3022	185064	Yavatmal	3026	193119	Yavatmal	3029	187575
	Total	109993	6280213	Total	110429	6569066	Total	110525	6239953

Data as per Poshan Tracker
