

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *344
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025

INFRASTRUCTURE AND BASIC FACILITIES AT ANGANWADI CENTRES

***344 SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK:**

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

- (a) the total number of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) in the country and the number of those operating from their own buildings, rented premises, panchayat buildings, community buildings, school premises and open spaces, State-wise;
- (b) the details regarding delays in construction and operationalisation of AWCs and steps taken by Government to address them;
- (c) whether it is a fact that many AWCs are located outside the villages, several of them without functional toilets and drinking water facilities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government to ensure accessible AWCs along with basic facilities?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI ANNUPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 344 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025 REGARDING “INFRASTRUCTURE AND BASIC FACILITIES AT ANGANWADI CENTRES” ASKED BY SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK.

(a) to (d): In the 15th Finance Commission period, components of nutritional support for children below the age of 6 years, pregnant women and lactating mother and Adolescent Girls; Early Childhood Care and Education [3-6 years] and Anganwadi infrastructure including modern, upgraded Saksham Anganwadi have been reorganised under the umbrella Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 for effective implementation of the scheme and for better nutritional delivery to end beneficiaries.

Under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, there is a provision of construction of 50000 AWCs buildings over a period of five years @ 10000 AWCs per year. The cost norms for construction of Anganwadi Centres in convergence with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) have been revised from Rs.7 Lakh per AWC to Rs.12 Lakh per AWC wherein Rs.8.00 Lakh would be provided under MGNREGS, Rs.2.00 Lakh under 15th Finance Commission (FC) (or 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. Further, States/UTs have also been advised to continue to tap funds for construction of AWC buildings from various schemes such as Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS), Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF), Finance Commission Grants to Panchayati Raj Institutions, National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), Multi- Sectoral Development Programme (MSDP) of Ministry of Minority Affairs, etc.

Directions have been issued to States/UTs to co-locate Anganwadi Centres, which are running on rent without sufficient infrastructure, at nearby Primary Schools, where space is available.

2 lakh Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) located in Government buildings @ 40,000 AWCs per year have been approved to be strengthened and upgraded as Saksham Anganwadis for improved nutrition delivery and for Early Childhood Care and Education they are to be provided with better infrastructure than the conventional Anganwadi Centres including LED screens, water purifier/installation of RO Machine, Poshan Vatika, ECCE related books and learning material etc. Further, Government has also decided to upgrade all Mini AWCs with one worker to full-fledged Anganwadi Centres with one worker and one helper each.

The State and UT wise number of anganwadi centres across the country along with the details of those anganwadi centres operating from their own buildings, rented premises, panchayat buildings, community buildings and school premises are at Annexure.

As on 16.03.2025, as per Poshan Tracker data, drinking water facilities are available in a total of 12,48,281 Anganwadi centres and toilet facilities in 10,16,618 Anganwadi centres across the country. Also, in order to improve the infrastructure facility of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) various steps have been taken by the Ministry that, inter alia, include increasing the funding for drinking water facilities and toilets per Anganwadi Centre from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.17,000/- and Rs.12,000/- to Rs.36,000/- respectively.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) of RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 344 for answer on 02.04.2025 regarding “Infrastructure and basic facilities at Anganwadi Centres” ASKED BY Shri Mukul Balkrishna Wasnik.

(As on 28.02.2025) (As per Poshan Tracker)

State/UT	Total no of AWCs	No of AWCs with data of infra filled	Own Buildings	No of AWCs in Rented buildings	Other government buildings	Co-located with school	Panchayat Building	Community buildings	Any other govt owned buildings
Andhra Pradesh	55745	55705	21910	23279	10516	5766	561	1593	2596
Arunachal Pradesh	6233	5833	4127	879	827	173	34	275	345
Assam	61891	61889	38739	5751	17399	7031	336	8386	1646
Bihar	114995	114376	28811	68248	17317	8280	1547	4633	2857
Chhattisgarh	52167	52167	39004	8777	4386	1092	569	1656	1069
Goa	1261	1261	90	711	460	307	28	38	87
Gujarat	53065	53046	37207	10157	5682	1065	610	1812	2195
Haryana	25962	25961	10022	5909	10030	2718	2581	3762	969
Himachal Pradesh	18925	18924	2241	10156	6527	2723	435	2705	664
Jharkhand	38521	38514	24296	11213	3005	1365	198	826	616
Karnataka	69919	69899	47567	13302	9030	4044	622	2689	1675
Kerala	33120	33120	24535	7209	1376	326	253	537	260
Madhya Pradesh	97329	97281	47153	27152	22976	13892	2958	2283	3843
Maharashtra	110590	110570	72735	22788	15047	6097	2383	3549	3018
Manipur	11552	11523	2238	9184	101	10	1	18	72
Meghalaya	6145	6094	3618	609	1867	688	66	950	163
Mizoram	2244	2242	2224	6	12	0	0	9	3
Nagaland	3980	3797	2350	887	560	334	181	4	41
Odisha	74190	74185	52663	4736	16786	4345	178	9607	2656
Punjab	27313	27313	3397	3248	20668	10182	3554	5665	1267
Rajasthan	61952	61921	26777	9979	25165	17625	848	3511	3181
Sikkim	1308	1308	1017	222	69	26	8	18	17
Tamil Nadu	54449	54449	40749	7575	6125	1613	1581	1091	1840
Telangana	35690	35679	12145	12374	11160	7328	466	1257	2109
Tripura	10212	10197	9241	769	187	22	30	43	92
Uttar Pradesh	189133	188839	53205	20774	114860	88728	6946	8584	10602
Uttarakhand	20048	20036	4406	7115	8515	5033	2079	532	871

West Bengal	119481	119440	63445	27558	28437	14507	336	11540	2054
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	720	720	292	173	255	8	126	94	27
Dadra & Nagar Haveli - Daman & Diu	405	405	300	89	16	10	1	0	5
Delhi	10900	10897	14	10813	70	24	1	8	37
J&K	28182	28045	1205	26213	627	369	12	28	218
Ladakh	1172	1172	209	683	280	261	7	9	3
Lakshadweep	59	59	51	0	8	6	0	0	2
Puducherry	855	855	370	421	64	3	16	18	27
UT-Chandigarh	450	450	96	312	42	10	2	5	25
Total	1400163	1398172	678449	359271	360452	206011	29554	77735	47152
