

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3030**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025

**BREASTFEEDING IN PUBLIC PLACE**

3030. SHRI ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether facilities are being provided by Government to the women for breastfeeding in public places in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has issued any directives to the State Governments to provide breastfeeding facilities like breastfeeding rooms or child care rooms at public places in their respective States;
- (d) if so, details thereof, and the response of the State Governments in this regard; and
- (e) the details of other facilities provided by Government to the breastfeeding mother in public places across the country?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) has written to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), Ministry of Civil Aviation, Railway Board and all States and UTs to establish feeding rooms and changing rooms for women and children in public places from time to time. The Ministry of Civil Aviation has informed that 164 and 148 Feeding Rooms/ Changing Rooms have been set up at airports under Airports Authority of India (AAI) and non-AAI airports respectively. Further, the MoRTH has forwarded the information provided by the Association of State Road Transport Undertakings according to which Feeding Rooms are available in 26 bus stations in Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC), 2 bus stations in Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (TNSTC) in Coimbatore and 50 bus stations in Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (UPSRTC). The States/ UTs including Delhi, Goa, Chandigarh and Meghalaya have also reported action taken in this regard.

An advisory has also been sent by Secretary, MWCD to Secretaries of all Ministries/ Departments and Chief Secretaries of all State Government and UT Administrations regarding the need to create Gender Friendly Spaces in public places for ensuring the well-being and to cater to the needs of working women within and outside the office premises to encourage their full and meaningful participation in the economy. The advisory includes an indicative list of activities to create gender friendly spaces in workplaces of Ministries and Departments along with their affiliated institutions as outlined below:

- i. Installation of Sanitary Pad vending machines and incinerators in washrooms to address the fundamental menstrual hygiene needs of female employees.
- ii. Allocating space for feeding rooms, restrooms and yoga rooms.
- iii. Establishing at least one creche facilities in every public building having 50 or more employees to support working mothers.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development implements 'Palna' component under Mission Shakti for all States and UTs, under which providing day care facilities and protection to children is the main focus area. Under Palna, Ministry has extended free services of childcare through Anganwadi cum Crèches (AWCC). As on date, 11,395 AWCCs across 34 States and UTs have been approved, as per proposals received from various States and UTs.

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