

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3674**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025

**OPENING OF ANGANWADIS CUM CRECHES**

3674. SHRI A.D. SINGH:

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

- (a) whether there is a target to open 17,000 Anganwadis cum Creches in the country by 2026;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of Anganwadis cum Creches that have been approved so far and operational now;
- (d) whether the progress in operationalising these facilities is slow;
- (e) if so, the response thereof; and
- (f) the efforts being made to achieve the target by 2026?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (f): The Ministry of Women and Child Development has introduced Palna scheme under Samarthya vertical of Umbrella Mission Shakti Scheme for all States and UTs w.e.f. 01 April 2022, to provide day care facilities and protection to children. Palna is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Anganwadi centres are the world's largest childcare institutions dedicated to providing essential care and support to children ensuring delivery of care and nutrition facilities till the last mile. In a first of its kind approach, Ministry has extended the services of childcare through Anganwadi cum Crèche under Palna.

During the 15th Finance Cycle (i.e. upto FY 2025-26), a total of 17,000 Anganwadi-cum-Crèches (AWCCs) have been envisioned for establishment under Palna scheme. Proposals for establishment and operation of AWCCs are received from the respective State Governments and UT Administrations, who also contribute their corresponding share for the implementation of the Scheme. Till date, a total of **11,395 AWCCs** have been approved by the Ministry as per proposals received from various States and UTs, As on 28.02.2025, 1761 AWCCs have been

made operational by 19 States and UTs. The State/UT wise List of Anganwadi-cum-Crèches (AWCCs) approved and operational is placed at **Annexure**.

Under Palna annual target is fixed in the Programme Approval Board meetings (PAB), held with the State Governments and UT Administrations where it is emphasised that they may send proposal for opening more Anganwadi-cum-Crèches and operationalise them.

Additionally, the Ministry also monitors the implementation of schemes through meetings and VCs with the States and UTs at various levels.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO THE REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (F) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3674 FOR ANSWER ON 02.04.2025 REGARDING "OPENING OF ANGANWADIS CUM CRECHES" RAISED BY SHRI A.D. SINGH**

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Number of Approved Anganwadi cum Creches (As on 28.02.2025)</b>	<b>Number of Operational Anganwadi cum Creches (As on 28.02.2025)</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	108	-
2	Arunachal Pradesh	86	-
3	Assam	500	50
4	Bihar	85	65
5	Chhattisgarh	1,500	175
6	Goa	9	9
7	Gujarat	25	-
8	Haryana	628	297
9	Himachal Pradesh	152	-
10	Jharkhand	1,024	-
11	Karnataka	248	164
12	Kerala	504	-
13	Madhya Pradesh	448	-
14	Maharashtra	345	-
15	Manipur	702	-
16	Meghalaya	84	76
17	Mizoram	200	200
18	Nagaland	470	150
19	Odisha	1,000	-
20	Punjab	148	-
21	Rajasthan	-	-
22	Sikkim	25	17
23	Tamil Nadu	600	-
24	Telangana	1,033	8
25	Tripura	114	94
26	Uttar Pradesh	-	-
27	Uttarakhand	202	32
28	West Bengal	10	-
29	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	8	7
30	Chandigarh	210	200
31	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	95	25
32	Delhi	502	170

33	Jammu & Kashmir	230	-
34	Ladakh	6	6
35	Lakshadweep	8	-
36	Puducherry	86	9
<b>Total</b>		<b>11,395</b>	<b>1,761</b>

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