

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.475
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2025

ANGANWADI CENTRES AND VOCATIONAL TRAININGS IN GUJARAT

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has conducted impact evaluation of schemes like Mission Shakti and ICDS in reducing gender gaps and improving child nutrition;
- (b) the infrastructure, nutrition delivery and vacancy status of Anganwadi Centres in tribal and rural districts of Gujarat; and
- (c) whether adolescent girls in high dropout-prone districts like Dahod and Mahisagar of Gujarat have access to health, digital and vocational training under central schemes?

ANSWER

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

(a) Yes Sir. A third party evaluation of all Centrally Sponsored Schemes in Women and Child Development Sector including Mission Shakti and Mission Saksham Anganwadi & POSHAN 2.0 was conducted by NITI Aayog in 2020.

The evaluation found the impact of Anganwadi Services scheme satisfactory. Under Mission Poshan 2.0, a new strategy has been made for reduction in malnutrition and for improved health, wellness and immunity through activities like community engagement, outreach, behavioural change, and advocacy. It focuses on Maternal Nutrition, Infant and Young Child Feeding Norms, treatment of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)/ Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) and wellness through AYUSH practices to reduce prevalence of wasting, stunting, anaemia and being underweight. Under this mission, Supplementary Nutrition is provided to Children (6 months to 6 years), Pregnant Women, Lactating Mothers and Adolescent Girls to beat the intergenerational cycle of malnutrition by adopting a life cycle approach. Supplementary nutrition is provided in accordance with the nutrition norms contained in Schedule-II of the National Food Security Act 2013.

Based on the evaluation report, the Ministry has modified the guidelines under Mission Shakti including increasing coverage of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme to all the districts of the country through multi-sectoral interventions and by encouraging greater expenditure on activities that have a direct impact like promoting sports among girls, self-defence camps, awareness about PC-PNDT Act etc. Ministry has also developed an operational manual which, inter-alia, includes a thematic calendar for suggested convergence activities at the district level with month wise specific themes for holistic development and comprehensive empowerment of the Girl Child and to ensure year-round engagement of girls, their families and communities.

(b) Details on the infrastructure and vacancy status of Anganwadi Centres in tribal and rural districts of Gujarat are annexed.

(c) Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG) under Mission Poshan 2.0 aims to provide nutritional support to Adolescent Girls (AGs) [14-18 years] for improving their health and nutritional status in 112 Aspirational Districts and all districts of North Eastern States. There are two main components under the scheme. Under the nutrition component, supplementary nutrition containing 600 calories, 18-20 grams of protein and micronutrients are provided to adolescent girls in the age group of 14-18 years for 300 days in a year. The non-nutrition component is based on convergence with different ministries for IFA (Iron-Folic Acid) supplementation, health check-up and referral services, nutrition & health education, skilling etc.

Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) in convergence with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has initiated a Special Pilot for Skilling of Adolescent Girls (AG) i.e NAVYA (Nurturing Aspirations through Vocational Training for Young Adolescent Girls) pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between MWCD with MSDE on 11th October 2022 for bringing greater convergence in Skill Development Initiatives targeted at Young Girls especially in non-traditional skills. The pilot is currently being implemented across select 27 districts including Dahod in 19 States/UT across the country.

Statement referred to in reply to Part (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.475 to be answered on 23.07.2025

Infrastructure and vacancy status of Anganwadi Centres in tribal and rural districts of Gujarat

A. Infrastructure status of Anganwadi Centres in all districts of Gujarat (as per Poshan Tracker as on 18.07.2025):

District	Total no of AWC	No of AWC with infra details filled	Own building	Rented building	Co-located with school	Panchayat building	Community building	Any other govt owned building
Ahmedabad	3629	3629	1742	1565	103	23	50	146
Amreli	1621	1620	1066	426	39	22	14	53
Anand	1993	1993	1338	421	61	33	58	82
Aravalli	1450	1450	1134	137	43	4	90	42
Banaskantha	3365	3365	2624	520	109	18	69	25
Bharuch	1374	1374	963	138	32	30	75	136
Bhavnagar	1902	1902	1344	391	33	33	26	75
Botad	569	569	372	142	7	12	11	25
Chhota Udepur	1182	1182	827	65	82	6	34	168
Dahod	3056	3056	2009	1023	10	6	5	3
Dang	442	442	261	135	13	2	11	20
Devbhumi Dwaraka	691	691	528	48	11	9	42	53
Gandhinagar	1062	1062	823	154	8	11	17	49
GirSomnath	1166	1166	658	409	18	17	29	35
Jamnagar	1197	1197	847	222	24	15	32	57
Junagadh	1428	1428	919	374	16	19	41	59
Kachchh	2116	2115	1539	449	31	14	54	28
Kheda	1979	1979	1582	217	19	27	86	48
Mahesana	1920	1920	1599	179	21	28	53	40
Mahisagar	1316	1316	938	200	42	25	45	66
Morbi	761	761	532	148	11	19	13	38

Narmada	955	955	628	200	38	15	38	36
Navsari	1330	1330	945	36	44	32	178	95
Panchmahal	2000	2000	1454	513	6	9	12	6
Patan	1427	1427	1103	237	17	32	16	22
Porbandar	489	489	378	83	14	2	8	4
Rajkot	1724	1724	1336	267	29	41	25	26
Sabarkantha	1923	1921	1465	285	27	23	79	42
Surat	2825	2825	2108	170	45	16	128	358
Surendranagar	1355	1355	652	568	23	19	25	68
Tapi	1055	1055	786	6	21	10	92	140
Vadodara	1847	1847	1228	403	52	39	65	60
Valsad	1916	1916	1458	50	22	17	277	92
Total	53065	53061	37186	10181	1071	628	1798	2197

B. Vacancy Status of Anganwadi Centres in Gujarat :

Total sanctioned AWCs (A)	Total AWCs with AW Worker positions filled (B)	Total AWCs with vacant AW Worker positions (A-B)	AWCs with AW Helper positions filled (C)	Total AWCs with vacant AW Helper positions (A-C)
53065	50277	2788	48897	4168
