

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1265
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2025

ESTABLISHMENT AND UPGRADATION OF SMART ANGANWADI

1265. SHRI A. A. RAHIM:

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

- a) the number of Anganwadi Centres across the country that have been upgraded into smart or modernised Anganwadis during the last five years, State-wise;
- (b) the criteria adopted by the Ministry to identify States/UTs for such upgradation and the extent of financial and technical support provided for these projects;
- (c) whether the Ministry has undertaken any assessment to compare States' progress in implementing technologically enabled and child-friendly Anganwadi models and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Ministry proposes to study and scale up successful State-level initiatives that have demonstrated significant improvements in learning environments, nutrition services and infrastructure quality in Anganwadi Centres?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): During the 15th Finance Commission cycle, 2 lakh Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) located in Government buildings @ 40,000 AWCs per year are strengthened as Saksham Anganwadis for improved nutrition delivery and for Early Childhood Care and Education under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0. Saksham Anganwadis are to be provided with better infrastructure than the conventional Anganwadi Centres including LED screens, water filtration system, Poshan Vatika, ECCE material and BALA paintings.

The prerequisites for an Anganwadi Centre to be considered for upgradation includes availability of government owned building electricity/power supply, drinking water facility, functional toilet and kitchen. Financial assistance of Rs. 1 Lakh per AWC with inter se flexibility amongst the components on prescribed cost sharing basis is provided for the upgradation.

As on date, 2 Lakh Anganwadi Centres has been sanctioned for upgradation to Saksham Anganwadi Centres. The State wise details of the same are placed at **Annexure**.

Poshan Tracker an ICT tool has been implemented for monitoring and tracking of infrastructure and service delivery at Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) and beneficiaries on defined indicators. Poshan Tracker is leveraged for dynamic identification of stunting, wasting, under-weight prevalence among children. It has facilitated near real time data collection for Anganwadi Services such as, daily attendance, ECCE, Provision of Hot Cooked Meal (HCM)/Take Home Ration (THR-not raw ration), Growth Measurement etc.

Regular monitoring of growth parameters is essential for identifying children who may be malnourished and for making timely interventions. Therefore, Anganwadi centres have been equipped with Growth Monitoring devices like infantometer, stadiometer, weighing scale-infant, weighing scale – mother & child.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1265 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2025 REGARDING “ESTABLISHMENT AND UPGRADATION OF SMART ANGANWADI’

S.No.	State/UT	Total No. of AWCs approved for upgradation as on date
1	Andhra Pradesh	9,958
2	Bihar	11,529
3	Chhattisgarh	11,490
4	Gujarat	13,147
5	Haryana	2,804
6	Himachal Pradesh	1,030
7	Jammu & Kashmir	338
8	Jharkhand	16,775
9	Karnataka	17,732
10	Kerala	4152
11	Madhya Pradesh	24,662
12	Maharashtra	14,745
13	Odisha	12,140
14	Punjab	353
15	Rajasthan	3514
16	Tamil Nadu	11,972
17	Telangana	5,008
18	Uttar Pradesh	23,697
19	Uttrakhand	827
20	West Bengal	5,359
21	Arunachal Pradesh	152
22	Assam	5,407
23	Manipur	30
24	Meghalaya	121
25	Mizoram	1,600
26	Nagaland	149
27	Sikkim	435
28	Tripura	474
29	Andaman & Nicobar	140
30	Goa	24
31	Puducherry	135
32	Chandigarh	69
33	Ladakh	14
34	Lakshadweep	18
	Total	2,00,000