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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1271
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SCHEMES AND FUNDS TO STRENGTHEN ANGANWADIS

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

- (a) the various schemes and funds currently functional to strengthen the Anganwadis in the country;
- (b) the details of various schemes and allocations made for the last three years and current year;
- (c) whether Government proposes to enhance the infrastructure facilities and improve nutrition delivery in the Anganwadis and, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated for Anganwadi modernization and nutrition delivery in the State of Kerala by Government for the last three years and current year?

ANSWER

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

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

In order to improve the infrastructure facility of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) various steps have been undertaken by the Ministry that, inter alia, include increasing the funding for drinking water facilities and toilets at Anganwadi Centres from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.17,000/- and Rs.12,000/- to Rs.36,000/- respectively.

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 in convergence with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) @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 and UTs in the prescribed cost sharing ratio.

Under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, two lakh Anganwadi Centres located in Government buildings @ 40,000 AWCs per year are strengthened as Saksham Anganwadis for delivery of improved nutrition and for Early Childhood Care and Education in the 15th Finance Commission cycle. Saksham Anganwadis are provided with better infrastructure than the conventional Anganwadi centres with LED screens, water filtration system, Poshan Vatika, ECCE material and BALA paintings. As on 30.11.2025, a total of 2 lakh AWCs has been approved for upgradation for which an amount of Rs. 1232.65 Cr. have been allocated to all States/UTs across the country.

Under PM-JANMAN (Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan), a total of 2,500 Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) have been sanctioned for construction in PVTG (Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups) areas.

Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA) launched by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) focusses on convergence, outreach and saturation in approximately, 63,843 villages. Under DAGJUA, 875 AWCs have been sanctioned for construction.

Vibrant Village Programme (VVP) Phase-I focuses on comprehensive development of villages of northern border across four states Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, and Sikkim and the UT of Ladakh. A total of 101 AWCs has been sanctioned for construction in these border areas.

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. Guidelines for Co-locating Anganwadi Centres within Government Primary Schools have been issued jointly with Ministry of Education.

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.

The details of funds released under all components of Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 to State Government of Kerala during last three years and current year are as follows:

(Rupees in crore)

S.No	Financial Year	Amount Released
1	2022-23	444.98
2	2023-24	306.64
3	2024-25	435.74
4	2025-26	98.77*

*-Upto 30.11.2025
