

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No.6611**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2018

**MODERNISATION PROGRAMME FOR ANGANWADI CENTRES**

6611. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has completed the modernisation programme of all the Anganwadi Centres across the country with a view to mobilising the village women and children to increase their participation in community development and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the modernised Anganwadi Centres also follow the ICDS programme to combat nutritional deficiency and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has enlisted the support of the private sector to successfully modernise Anganwadi Centres across the country and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

- (a) : Under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme [renamed as Anganwadi Services under Umbrella ICDS Scheme), construction of Anganwadi Centre buildings has been taken up in all the States/UTs from the year 2012. During the years 2013-14 and 2016-17, a total number of 44709 and 2362 AWC buildings respectively were sanctioned for construction. Joint guidelines for construction of 4 lakh Anganwadi Centre (AWC) buildings across the country in convergence with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) were issued on 17.02.2016.

Under the revised guidelines, provision for construction of 1 lakh new AWC buildings has been made. Central share for construction of AWC building is Rs.1 lakh per AWC building for all States/UTs, which is reimbursable on completion of construction work.

- (b) : Yes Madam, the modernised Anganwadi Centres also follow the ICDS programme to combat nutritional deficiency by providing all the six services available under the Scheme. The healthy atmosphere and safe place for the children visiting the AWCs definitely contribute to the reduction in the level of malnutrition.
- (c) : A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between MoWCD and M/s Vedanta on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2015 (effective for three years) as a part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for construction of the 4000 Anganwadi Centre buildings through its own resources primarily in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh.