

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1240
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.06.2019

NEW ANGANWADI BUILDINGS

1240. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:
DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to construct new Anganwadi buildings in cities on the lines of rural/urban Anganwadi Centres (AWCs);
- (b) whether the Government have received proposals from States/UTs in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government thereto;
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to make AWCs more accessible and child friendly;
- (d) whether the Government during the XII Plan period proposed to construct two lakh AWCs at a cost of Rs. 4.5 lakh per unit and annual allotment of funds worth Rs. 200 crores for their maintenance; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of the said proposal?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a) & (b): No Sir. Government has been receiving proposals from States/UTs for construction of new Anganwadi buildings from time to time in the rural and urban areas. Under the revised scope of Anganwadi Services implemented from 01.12.2017, the central assistance for construction of new Anganwadi Centre building is available in rural areas in convergence with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). The total cost of construction of one Anganwadi building is Rs. 7 lakh. Central assistance for construction of new AWC buildings @ 1 lakh Anganwadi buildings per annum is Rs. 1 lakh per Anganwadi building for all States/UTs. This amount is reimbursable to States/UTs after completion of construction of Anganwadi building.
- (c): States/UTs have been advised to re-assess their requirement of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) and relocate AWCs considering the need. While relocating, the aspect of availability of adequate land, building, water facilities, ease of access of pregnant women and children besides maximum travel distance not being more than 5 km in case of urban areas, 3 km in rural areas and 1.5 km in tribal areas for the AWWs is to be kept in view. Besides, improved water and sanitation facilities, Pre-school education and Medicine Kits are provided at the AWCs.
- (d) & (e): During XII Plan period, a provision was made to construct 2 lakh AWC buildings at a cost of Rs. 4.5 lakh per AWC building and cost norm for maintenance was decided @ Rs. 2000 per AWC per annum in the government buildings. However, the aforesaid scheme component for construction was discontinued as it was felt that this can best be done through convergence with Schemes like MGNREGS. Accordingly, joint guidelines were issued on 17.02.2016 for construction of AWC buildings in convergence with MGNREGS.

