GOVERNMMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 529 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2022

ANGANWADI CENTRES IN MEGHALAYA

529. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

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

- (a) the details of the villages in Meghalaya that do not have an Anganwadi Centre despite having the required population, district-wise;
- (b) the reasons for the delay in sanction of additional Anganwadi Centres in the uncovered villages;
- (c) whether the Government is taking any measures to speed up the process of installing more Anganwadi Centres; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) As reported by the State, the district-wise number of villages in Meghalaya that do not have an Anganwadi Centre in the state of Meghalaya is annexed.
- (b) to (d) All the 14 lakh AWCs/Mini-AWCs approved by the Government of India upto 3rd phase of expansion of Scheme, have already been sanctioned to the States/UTs including Govt. of Meghalaya and there is no centre available for sanction at this stage. Further, this Ministry has issued guidelines, dated 1st December, 2014 for relocation of AWCs which inter-alia authorizes the States/UTs to relocate the AWCs as per their requirement and availability. The States/ UTs have also been advised time and again to relocate the Anganwadi Centres to cover the beneficiaries to the maximum extent.

<u>Annexure</u>

Annexure Referred in Reply to Part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.529 for Answer on 09.12.2022 Raised by Shri Vincent H. Pala Regarding "Anganwadi Centres in Meghalaya" Indicating District-wise Number of Villages That Do Not Have an Anganwadi Centre

S. No.	Name of District	No. of villages without AWC
1	East Khasi Hills	57
2	Ri Bhoi	89
3	West Jaintia Hills	28
4	East Jaintia Hills	26
5	West Khasi Hills	83
6	Eastern West Khasi Hills	30
7	South West Khasi Hills	24
8	West Garo Hills	82
9	South West Garo Hills	33
10	South Garo Hills	86
11	East Garo Hills	53
12	North Garo Hills	147
Total		738
