

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1464
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2023

SUPPLY OF FOODGRAINS TO ANGANWADI CENTRES

1464. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

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

- (a) Whether the supply of food grains and nutriment to Anganwadi centres for women and children is made by the contractors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether complaints have received regarding quantity and quality of foodgrains and nutrients being served to the women and children at Anganwadi centres;
- (d) if so, the details thereof especially in Rajasthan and
- (e) The steps being taken by the Government for disposal of such complaints?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b). Anganwadi Services Scheme is being implemented by respective State Governments/UT administrations. As far as foodgrains are concerned, foodgrains are allocated under the Wheat Based Nutrition Programme (WBNP) to States/UTs at the subsidized price not exceeding Rs. 3/- per kg for Rice, Rs. 2/- per kg for Wheat and Rs. 1/- per kg of coarse grains/Milletts . Further, it is also added that this Ministry has issued Streamlining Guidelines dated 13.01.2021 on Quality Assurance, Roles and Responsibilities of Duty Holders, procedure for procurement, integrating AYUSH concepts and Data Management and Monitoring through 'Poshan Tracker' for transparency, efficiency and accountability in delivery of Supplementary Nutrition.

(c) to (e). No such complaint have been received. However, As per streamlining guideline dated 13.01.2013, States/UTs shall ensure the quality of Supplementary Nutrition being provided with reference to the norms of food safety as well as nutrient composition. Supplementary Nutrition must conform to prescribed standards laid down under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and regulations made there under to ensure consistent quality and nutritive value per serving. States/UTs shall ensure the quality of Supplementary Nutrition being provided with reference to the norms of food safety as well as nutrient composition. Take-Home Ration (not raw ration), shall be tested from FSSAI owned/registered/empanelled/NABL accredited laboratory. In case of Hot Cooked Meal, it should be ensured that it is prepared in proper kitchen sheds having adequate sanitation and safe drinking water so as to maintain hygienic conditions.
