

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 254
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2023

MODERNIZATION OF ANGANWADI CENTRES

254. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken up the process of modernization of Anganwadi Centres in the country as per the MoU entered between the Ministry and Vedanta in the year 2015;
- (b) if so, the details and present status thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between MWCD and M/s Vedanta on 21st September, 2015 (effective for a period of three years), for construction of 4000 AWC Buildings through its own resources, as part of their Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) activities in high burden districts. However, M/s Vedanta had the flexibility in choosing the areas for construction of AWCs across the country in consultation with States with focus in 11 States indicated in the MoU, viz., Andhra Pradesh (300), Assam (300), Bihar (400), Chhattisgarh (400), Jharkhand (400), Madhya Pradesh (200), Maharashtra (300), Odisha (400), Rajasthan (500), Telangana (300) and Uttar Pradesh (500).

The MoU expired on 21st September, 2018. M/s Vedanta requested this Ministry to extend the MOU for another three years i.e upto 20th September, 2021 to allow the completion of construction of 4000 AWCs. Accordingly, with the approval of the then Minister, MWCD, MOU extended for a further period of three years i.e. upto 20th September, 2021. Now, the MoU has expired after the extension on 20th September, 2021. As per the progress report submitted by M/s Vedanta, the construction of 222 Anganwadi Centres out of the 4000 AWCs as stipulated in the MoU and upgradation of 2585 Anganwadi Centres has been completed. State-wise list of Anganwadi Centres completed by M/s. Vedanta as on 30.11.2021, is given below:

S.No	State	Completed AWCs
1.	Rajasthan	149
2.	Uttar Pradesh	54
3.	Madhya Pradesh	5
4.	Odisha	9
5.	Jharkhand	0
6.	Chhattisgarh	0
7.	Himachal Pradesh	0
8.	Punjab	0
9.	Karnataka	5
10	Assam	0
11.	Gujarat	0
12.	Goa	0
Total		222
