

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 301
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2023

IMPLEMENTATION OF ICDS PROGRAMME IN AWCS

301: SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

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

- (a) whether the Government is taking any steps to ensure all children get access to Anganwadi Centres;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken any study to analyse the actual implementation of the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) programme on the ground for children of migrant workers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has any data about the number of children from age 3 to 6 who are not enrolled in Anganwadis?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Anganwadi Services is a self selecting universal scheme open to all eligible beneficiaries on demand, irrespective of caste, religion and income criteria, who get themselves registered at the nearest Anganwadi Centre. The scheme is administered and implemented by States/ UTs. Through sustained engagements at regular intervals, States/ UTs have been requested to optimize coverage of beneficiaries including child beneficiaries and ensure that children of appropriate age are enrolled at AWCs. Further, one major role entrusted on Anganwadi Worker is to elicit community support and participation in running the programme.

(c) & (d) NITI Aayog had undertaken a study to evaluate the implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes in Women & Child Development Sector including Anganwadi Services Scheme. The study inter alia covered the availability of the various benefits to the migrant workers. In order to provide seamless distribution of Supplementary Nutrition to the migrant beneficiaries, migration facility has been made available in the Poshan Tracker wherein in case the beneficiary is registered at another AWC, she/he shall be migrated to the new AWC during the period of stay.

(e) As per Census 2011, there are an estimated 16.45 crore children in the age-group 0-6 years. As on 31st December 2022, 8.7 crore children in the age group 0-6 years are registered as beneficiaries in Anganwadi Centres across the country, out of which, the number of children aged 3 - 6 years, enrolled in Anganwadi Centres across the country, is 4.25 crores
