

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UN STARRED QUESTION NO. 4116
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2023

ANGANWADI CENTRES IN ODISHA

4116. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

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

- (a) whether large number of Anganwadi Centres in Odisha are running with only two staff members;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to increase the upgradation amount and salary of Anganwadi workers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) As informed by the State of Odisha, there are 63738 Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) running with two staff members i.e. Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) which is as per norms.

(c) & (d) Under Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, 2 lakh selected Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) [@40,000 AWCs per year] would be strengthened and upgraded for improved nutrition delivery for stimulating the creative, social, emotional, cognitive and intellectual development of children under 6 years of age in convergence with education development programmes.

Further, under convergence with MGNREGS, for construction of Anganwadi centres, the cost norms have been revised from @ Rs.7 Lakh per AWC to @Rs.12 Lakh per AWC wherein Rs.8.00 Lakh would be provided under MGNREGS, Rs.2.00 Lakh under 15th FC (or any other untied funds) and Rs.2.00 Lakh by Ministry of Women and Child Development per AWC to be shared between Centre and State Government/UT Administration in the prescribed cost sharing ratio.

The AWWs and AWHs are paid fixed honorarium per month as decided by the Government from time to time. The Government has enhanced honorarium w.e.f. 01.10.2018 to AWWs from ₹3,000/- to ₹4,500/- per month; AWWs at mini-AWCs from ₹2,250/- to ₹3,500/- per month; AWHs from ₹1,500/- to ₹2,250/- per month; and introduced performance linked incentive of ₹ 250/- per month to AWHs and @ ₹ 500/- per month to AWWs. In addition to the honoraria paid by the Government of India, most of the State Governments/UT Administrations are also giving monetary incentives to these workers out of their own resources. At present there is no proposal to increase the honorarium of Anganwadi Workers.
