

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 4863
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.03.2023

SAKSHAM ANGANWADI

4863. SHRI PALLAB LOCHAN DAS:

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

- (a) whether Anganwadis will be upgraded to new Saksham Anganwadis for early child development, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of differences/changes between conventional Anganwadis and new Saksham Anganwadis; and
- (c) the number of Saksham Anganwadis in the country, State-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Under Saksham Anganwadi, across the country 2 lakh Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) (40,000 AWCs per year) would be strengthened and upgraded over a 5 year period for improved nutrition delivery and for early childhood care and delivery for children under 6 years of age. This year 40,000 AWCs have been identified in Aspirational districts for upgradation. As compared to conventional Anganwadis, Saksham Anganwadis would have better infrastructure including internet/wifi connectivity, LED screens and smart learning and audio-visual aids and child-friendly learning equipment.

(c) During the current financial year 2022-23, 40,000 Anganwadis identified for upgradation as Saksham Anganwadis in Aspirational Districts across the country. State/UT-wise number of approved Anganwadi Centres identified for upgradation as Saksham Anganwadi Centres is at **Annexure**.

Annexure

S.No.	Name of State/UT	Total AWCs approved by MWCD
1	Andhra Pradesh	1105
2	Bihar	3566
3	Chhattisgarh	4750
4	Gujarat	1250
5	Haryana	10
6	Himachal Pradesh	100
7	Jammu & Kashmir	86
8	Jharkhand	6850
9	Karnataka	100
10	Kerala	250
11	Madhya Pradesh	2220
12	Maharashtra	1150
13	Odisha	6000
14	Punjab	100
15	Rajasthan	213
16	Tamil Nadu	800
17	Telangana	500
18	Uttar Pradesh	2349
19	Uttarakhand	350
20	West Bengal	4750
21	Arunachal Pradesh	100
22	Assam	2771
23	Manipur	30
24	Meghalaya	100
25	Mizoram	100
26	Nagaland	100
27	Sikkim	100
28	Tripura	200
	Total	40,000
