GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 2581 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2023

ANGANWADI CENTRES

2581. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

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

- (a) the details of services provided in the country under Anganwadi scheme;
- (b) whether approximately 25,000 Anganwadi Centres have stopped functioning; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) In order to support the health, nutrition and educational requirement of children below six years of age as well as pregnant women and lactating mothers, Anganwadi Services is providing a package of six services, namely, (i) Supplementary Nutrition; (ii) Pre-school Non-formal Education; (iii) Nutrition & Health Education; (iv) Immunization; (v) Health Check-up; and (vi) Referral Services through the platform of Anganwadi Centres across the country.

Three of the services viz. Immunization, Health Check-up and Referral Services are related to health and are provided through National Health Mission (NHM) & Public Health Infrastructure.

These Services are provided to all eligible beneficiaries who register themselves at Anganwadi Centres without any limitation and necessary awareness has been created among public to avail the nutritional and health services provided.

(b) & (c) Currently, around 13.96 lakh Anganwadi Centres out of total 14 lakh sanctioned are operational across the country as per Poshan Tracker. Further, 10.11 crore beneficiaries (pregnant women, lactating mothers and children up to 6 years) are registered under Poshan Tracker. 93.97% of beneficiaries have been Aadhar verified to ensure last mile tracking and delivery of services. Close to 22.87 lakh adolescent girls (14-18 years) from North East and aspirational districts are registered on the Poshan Tracker. Geo-mapping of approx., 10.5 lakh AWCs has been carried out in partnership with BISAG-N.
