

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3854**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2023

**GOVERNMENT'S INITIATIVES TO IMPROVE ANGANWADI CENTRES IN  
TRIBAL AREAS OF RAJASTHAN**

3854. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the fact that many Anganwadi Centres do not have proper buildings and infrastructure in the tribal areas of Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to address the said issues and the scheme of the Government to establish proper buildings, infrastructure for the said centre in future;
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps to provide necessary gadgets and internet data packs to Anganwadi Workers in tribal and hilly areas to update information on a real-time basis on Apps like Poshan Tracker; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether there is any proposal of the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): For development/upgradation of infrastructure at Anganwadi Centres and for effective monitoring of AWCs, following measures have been taken:

- i. Under the Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 guidelines, 2 lakh Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) @ 40,000 AWCs per year shall be strengthened, upgraded across the country as Saksham Anganwadis for improving nutrition delivery including Poshan Vatikas upto 2025-26. In 2022-23, 41,192 AWCs have been approved for upgradation with provision for LEDs and smart learning and teaching aids.
- ii. Keeping in view the importance of nutrition and Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) services delivery, it has been decided to upgrade all Mini-Anganwadi Centres to main/regular Anganwadi Centres with the availability of an Anganwadi Helper.
- iii. For construction of AWC buildings across the country under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in convergence

with Anganwadi Services (now known Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0 Scheme), construction cost has been revised from Rs.7 lakh to Rs.12 lakh per unit under the revised Scheme – Poshan 2.0.

- iv. Under Swachhta Action Plan, Rs.10,000/- per AWC was provided for drinking water facilities in and Rs.12,000/-per AWC for toilet facilities, which has now been revised to Rs.17,000/- per AWC and Rs.36,000/- per AWC respectively.
- v. Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) have been provided with Smart Phones for efficient service delivery and with data recharge pack of Rs 2000/- per annum.
- vi. Streamlined guidelines were issued on 13.01.2021, covering several aspects such as quality assurance, roles and responsibilities of duty holders, procedure for procurement, integrating AYUSH concepts.
- vii. 'Poshan Tracker', a robust ICT enabled platform, has been launched in March 2021 to ensure real-time monitoring of provisioning of supplementary nutrition by use of data analytics for prompt supervision and management of services. The system shall enable real time monitoring and tracking of all AWCs, AWWs and beneficiaries on defined indicators.

Further, from time to time States/UTs are being advised to utilise funds allocated under various components of Anganwadi Services as per the cost norms for better implementation of the scheme.

(c) & (d): Under Poshan 2.0, for efficient service delivery and monitoring of the Anganwadi services, the Anganwadi workers (AWWs) have been technologically empowered with the provision of smartphones procured through Government e-Market (GeM). Internet connectivity charges for AWWs are provided @₹2000/- per annum per AWW. These frontline functionaries render their services in rural, urban, tribal and hilly areas of the country. Near about 11 lakh Smartphones have been procured by States/UTs.

The mobile application of Poshan 2.0 named as Poshan Tracker digitizes physical registers used by Anganwadi workers. This saves the time of AWWs and AWHs, and improves the quality of their work while simultaneously allowing them real-time monitoring. The Anganwadi Workers periodically measure height and weight of children upto the age of 6 years and upload that data in the application.

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