

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 3896
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2023

SAKSHAM ANGANWADI

3896. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

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;
- (c) the number of Saksham Anganwadis in the State of Karnataka; and
- (d) whether the Government has received such proposal to open such Anganwadi in Kalaburagi District and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Under Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, two lakh selected AWCs (40,000 AWCs per year) would be strengthened and upgraded for improved nutrition delivery and Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) for development of children under 6 years of age. Saksham Anganwadis will have better infrastructure, LED screens, installation of RO Machine with smart learning and audio-visual aids and child-friendly learning equipment. Internet/wi-fi connectivity to be provided wherever possible through BharatNet.

During last FY, 41192 AWCs were approved for up-gradation into Saksham AWCs. Out of this 35054 AWCs were approved in Aspirational districts.

Improvement in infrastructure and in quality of services to be done through up-gradation of existing AWC buildings that are Government owned. Depending on availability of space, the Anganwadi to have a nutri-garden (Poshan Vatika).

(c) & (d) During FY 2022-23, a total number of 100 Anganwadi Centres have been approved in State of Karnataka for upgradation of Anganwadis as Saksham Anganwadis in aspirational districts (Raichur and Yadgir) and the funds amounting to Rs.47.39 lakh have been released to the Govt. of Karnataka for the same.
