#### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

#### LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 423 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2023

## CRITERIA FOR RECRUITMENT OF ANGANWADI WORKERS

423. SHRI DHARMENDRA KASHYAP:

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

- (a) the details of the criteria for recruitment of Anganwadi workers, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of the remuneration received by Anganwadi workers, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) whether Government is contemplating to increase the salary of Anganwadi workers for their contribution at the grassroot level in the villages, if so, the details thereof?

# ANSWER

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

(a) As per the guidelines under "Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0", minimum prescribed qualification for selection of Anganwadi Workers (AWWs)/ Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) shall be 12th Standard and age limit shall be 18-35 years for engagement of AWWs and AWHs, which is applicable to all States/UTs.

(b) Presently, the AWWs at main-AWCs, AWWs at mini-Anganwadi Centres and AWHs are paid honorarium of Rs.4,500/- Rs.3,500/- and Rs.2,250/- per month respectively. There is also a provision of performance linked incentive of Rs.250/- per month to AWHs and Rs.500 to AWWs.

(c) Government of India enhances honorarium of AWWs/AWHs from time to time. The honorarium was last enhanced on 01.10.2018. In addition to the honorarium paid by the Government, most of the States/UTs are also giving additional monetary incentives/honorarium to these functionaries from their own resources which vary from State to State. However, currently there is no proposal under consideration for increasing the honorarium of Anganwadi Workers/Anganwadi Helpers.

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