

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2252
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2023

INFRASTRUCTURE OF ANGANWADI CENTRES IN WEST BENGAL

2252 SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

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

- (a) the details of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) working in the State of West Bengal during the last two years;
- (b) whether all these AWCs have their own buildings and infrastructure, if so, the Reasons thereof and if not, the reason therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has released any funds for construction of buildings for AWCs during the last two years, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the funds released for construction of building have been fully utilised; and
- (e) if not, the details thereof and the steps being taken for their early completion?

ANSWER

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

(a) As per the data of Poshan tracker, 1,19,451 Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) are functional in the State of West Bengal.

(b) to (e) Out of these 1,19,451 Anganwadi Centres, 54,528 have own building, 23,667 have piped water connection, 38,953 have drinking water connection and 52,702 have toilet facility.

Review of the scheme and its components including infrastructure upgradation is a continuous process and based on learnings, outcomes, suggestions and proposals, Government takes appropriate action from time to time. To improve infrastructure at AWCs the cost norms for construction of Anganwadi Centres in convergence with MGNREGS have been revised from @7 Lakh per AWC to @12 Lakh per AWC wherein Rs.8.00 Lakh would be provided under MGNREGS, Rs.2.00 Lakh under 15th FC (or any other untied funds) and Rs.2.00 Lakh by MWCD per AWC to be shared between Centre and States/UTs in the prescribed cost sharing ratio. States/UTs have also been advised to continue to tap funds for construction of AWC buildings from various schemes such as MPLADs, RIDF, Finance Commission Grants to Panchayati Raj Institutions, NREGA, MSDP of Ministry of Minority Affairs, etc.

Provision of drinking water facilities and construction of toilets at AWCs have been made. The unit cost approved for toilet and drinking water is Rs. 36,000/- and Rs.17,000/- respectively to be shared by Centre and States/UTs as per cost sharing ratio under ICDS (General). Further, in convergence with Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, it has been ensured that clean drinking water is provided to Anganwadi Centres through pipelines. Under Saksham Anganwadi, 2 lakh AWCs @ 40,000 AWCs per year to be strengthened, upgraded and rejuvenated across the country for improved nutrition delivery and for early childhood care and development. Ministry has issued directions to States/UTs, to co-locate those Anganwadi centers which are running on rent without sufficient infrastructure, at the nearby Primary Schools, where space is available.

Government has allocated/sanctioned Rs. 2308.19 lakh for upgradation of 4750 AWCs to Saksham Anganwadi in the State of West Bengal during the year 2022-23.
