

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 37
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2024

MINI- ANGANWADI CENTRES

37. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:

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

- (a) the guidelines for setting up of Mini-Anganwadi Centres (Mini-AWCs);
- (b) the number of Mini-AWCs currently operational in Bihar indicating the facilities provided therein;
- (c) whether the Government has received proposals from the said State for setting up of Mini-AWCs, if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon, district-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to allocate additional funds or increase the estimated cost and provide infrastructure for upgradation of such centres and construction of permanent building and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Earlier, there was a provision of setting up Mini Anganwadi Centre for which population norms were as follows;

Project	Population	No. of Mini-AWC
Rural/Urban Projects	150-400	1
Tribal/Riverine/Desert, Hilly and other difficult areas/Projects	150-300	1

The Government has taken a decision to upgrade all Mini AWCs to a full-fledged Anganwadi Centre with one worker and one helper to help in carrying out the various responsibilities under Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 including responsibilities related to Early Childhood Care & Education.

Out of 1,16,852 sanctioned Mini-AWCs for 23 States/UTs, sanction for upgradation of 54962 Mini-AWCs in 13 States/UTs has been issued till date. For Bihar, all 7115 mini AWCs has been approved for upgradation to main AWCs.

(d) For upgradation of all Anganwadi Centres, various steps have been under taken which include that 2 lakh AWCs @ 40,000 AWCs per year shall be strengthened, upgraded and rejuvenated across the country under Saksham Anganwadi for improved nutrition delivery and for early childhood care and development. For construction of Anganwadi Centres in convergence with MGNREGS, construction cost has been revised from Rs.7 lakh to Rs.12 lakh per unit. The cost of drinking water facilities and toilets at Anganwadi Centres have been increased from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.17,000/- and Rs.12,000/- to Rs.36,000/- respectively. In convergence with Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, clean drinking water is provided to Anganwadi Centres through pipelines.
