

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4429
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2020

AWARDS TO ANGANWADI WORKERS

4429. SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to confer National and State level awards to the Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) in recognition of their performance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the criteria prescribed in this regard;
- (c) the details of the awards given to these AWWs during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has provided any financial assistance in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) Upto 2017-18, there was a provision of National Level Awards and State Level Awards to anganwadi workers to recognize their exemplary voluntary service in the field of child development and related areas under the ICDS Scheme. However, from 2018-19, there is a provision for recognizing significant contributions of State Governments, District teams, Block level teams and Field Functionaries under the POSHAN Abhiyaan at National Level and State Level. Under POSHAN Abhiyaan, there is also a provision of AAAA&LS(Anganwadi Workers, Anganwadi Helpers, Accredited Social Health Activist, Auxiliary Nurse and Midwives & Lady Supervisors) convergence award under which the field functionaries at ground level AAAA&LS are given award of Rs. 50,000 each for synergising their efforts during various activities like counselling during home visits, Community Based Events and Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Day.

During 2018-19, for exemplary services, 237 field functionaries comprising of Anganwadi Workers, Anganwadi Helpers, Lady Supervisors, Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) and Auxiliary Nurse and Midwives (ANM) were given a cash prize of Rs. 50,000 each, a certificate and a medal.

During 2017-18, total 97 Anganwadi Workers of different States/UTs were conferred National Awards for Exceptional Achievements which comprised of a cash prize of Rs. 50,000 and a citation.

During 2016-17, total 51 Anganwadi Workers of different States/UTs were conferred National Awards for Exceptional Achievements which comprised of a cash prize of Rs. 25,000 and a citation.
