

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
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MODERNISATION OF ANGANWADIS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to modernise Anganwadi Kendras by equipping them with modern technology devices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the problems impeding the smooth operation of Anganwadi Kendras in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic along with the mechanism in place to redress such shortcomings?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Following measures have been taken for upgradation of facilities at Anganwadi Centres (AWCs):

- (i) Revised joint guidelines were issued by Ministries of Women & Child Development, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj for construction of 4 lakh AWC buildings across the country under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in convergence with Anganwadi Services (ICDS Scheme).
- (ii) Under Swachhta Action Plan, Rs.10,000/-per AWC is provided for drinking water facilities and Rs.12,000/- per AWC for toilet facilities.
- (iii) Grants are sanctioned for purchase of water filter, furniture, equipment, etc.
- (iv) Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) have been provided with Smart Phones for efficient service delivery.

(c) During COVID-19, all Anganwadi Centres across the country were closed to limit the impact of the pandemic. However, to ensure continuous nutritional support to Anganwadi beneficiaries, Anganwadi Workers and Helpers distributed Supplementary Nutrition at the doorsteps of beneficiaries once in 15 days. In addition, Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers have been assisting the local administration in community surveillance, creating awareness as well as other work assigned to them from time to time.
