

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2902
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2021

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR ANGANWADI WORKER

2902. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the wages of Anganwadi Workers, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to appoint a Committee to assess the workload of Anganwadi workers and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide special fund for the States for the infrastructure development of Anganwadis, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has taken note that Anganwadis are the main centres for the pre-primary educational and healthcare of rural children, if so, the action taken by the Government to strengthen the activities of Anganwadis; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to give special training to the Anganwadi workers, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) The honorarium (not wages) admissible to the Anganwadi Workers/Anganwadi helper was enhanced by the Government on 01.10.2018 and a performance linked incentive of ₹ 250/- per month was introduced for AWH. States/UTs are also giving monetary incentives to these workers out of their own resources. Presently, there is no proposal to appoint a committee to assess workload of anganwadi workers.

For the development of infrastructure at anganwadis centres, several measures, including the following, have been taken:

- (i) Revised joint guidelines were issued by the 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.
- (v) Cost norms of supplementary nutrition have been revised.
- (e) Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) are imparted training to build their skills, knowledge and capacities to discharge their duties in delivering the ICDS services. These trainings are conducted at the Anganwadi Training Centres (AWTCs).
