

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 710
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2021

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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

- (a) whether there has been a decline in the registration of beneficiaries under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme between 2014 and 2020, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (b) the total number of child beneficiaries under the ICDS scheme since 2014, year-wise;
- (c) the total number of pregnant and lactating mothers registered as beneficiaries under ICDS scheme since 2014, year-wise;
- (d) whether COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the implementation of ICDS scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any additional duties or responsibilities were entrusted upon Anganwadi centres during the pandemic and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Ministry is considering any proposal to increase the honorarium paid to Anganwadi workers and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Year-wise details of beneficiaries including children (6 months - 6 years) and Pregnant Women & Lactating Mothers under Anganwadi Services Scheme between the years 2014 - 2020 is Annexed. Data available is as per digitized records.

(d) & (e) During COVID-19, functioning of Anganwadi Centres were permitted as per guidelines issued by Government from time to time. Accordingly, the distribution of food items and nutrition support were provided by Anganwadi Workers once in 15 days at the doorstep of beneficiaries, e.g., children, women and lactating mothers Anganwadi Workers and Helpers were engaged in COVID-19 awareness drive and specifically assigned responsibilities to generate awareness about proper sanitation and health education to children and their parents, conduct of community surveillance, etc.

(f) Government of India has enhanced the honorarium of AWWs from ₹3,000/- to ₹4,500/- per month; AWWs at Mini- AWCs from ₹2,250/- to ₹3,500/- per month and AWHs from ₹1,500/- to ₹2,250/- per month .

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a), (b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 710 FOR 05.02.2021 REGARDING "IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES" ASKED BY SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN, SHRI ANTO ANTONY AND SHRI KARTI P. CHIDAMBARAM

Year-wise details of SNP beneficiaries of Anganwadi Services

Beneficiaries Categories	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Children (6 month- 6 yrs)	84940601	82899424	82878916	80073473	71941717	70374122	68630173
Pregnant & Lactating Mothers Total	19568216	19333605	19252368	18268917	17335216	17186549	16874975
Total (Children & Pregnant & Lactating Mothers)	104508817	102233029	102131284	98342390	89276933	87560671	85505148

NOTE: Figure as on March ending.