

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UN-STARRED QUESTION NO: 3002
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2021

ANGANWADI WORKERS AND ANGANWADI HELPERS

3002: SHRI RAHUL GANDHI

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

- (a) whether Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers are receiving additional incentives for the additional COVID related tasks carried out by them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether her Ministry has received complaints regarding violence against Anganwadi workers during the pandemic;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- (e) whether a significant number of vacancies for Child Development Project Officers (CDPO) and Anganwadi Lady Supervisors are lying vacant across the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the measures initiated to fill the backlog of vacancies, State-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) As Anganwadi Services is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, which is implemented by States/UTs. Government has issued directions to all States/UTs to make all possible arrangements for providing safety equipment like masks and sanitizers etc. to Anganwadi Workers, Anganwadi Helpers and ASHAs in the COVID-19 pandemic situation. Also, Anganwadi Centres are closed due to Covid-19 pandemic so as to control the spread of virus.

Further, the Government has enhanced the honorarium w.e.f. 01.10.2018 to Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) from ₹ 3,000/- to ₹ 4,500/- per month; AWWs at mini-AWCs from ₹ 2,250/- to ₹ 3,500/- per month; Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) from ₹ 1,500/- to ₹ 2,250/- per month; and introduced performance linked incentive to AWHs @ ₹ 250/- per month.

Apart from the honorarium and other incentives paid by the Government of India, respective State/UTs are also giving monetary incentives to these workers. Various State Governments are compensating these AWWs/ AWHs out of their own resources for COVID related activities.

(c) & (d) No State has reported any such incident to this Ministry. However, it is the duty of the State administrations to ensure safety and security of AWWs/ AWHs.

(e) & (f) The State/UT-wise details of positions sanctioned, in-position and vacant with respect to CDPOs and Supervisors is placed at **Annexure I**.

From time to time, States/UTs are advised to fill the sanctioned positions of staff which are lying vacant for effective implementation of the Scheme. Further, directions/advisory has been sent to States/UTs to recruit the personnel on contract basis till such time the vacancies are filled on regular basis.

Annexure I

(As on 31.03.2021)

STATEMENT REFERRED TO PART (e) & (f) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3002 FOR ANSWER ON 06.08.2021 REGARDING ANGANWADI WORKERS AND ANGANWADI HELPERS ASKED BY SHRI RAHUL GANDHI

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. OF CDPOs			No. OF SUPERVISORS		
		Sanctioned	In-position	Vacant	Sanctioned	In-position	Vacant
1	Andhra Pradesh	257	257	0	1951	1414	537
2	Telangana	149	149	0	1268	835	433
3	Arunachal Pradesh	98	98	0	249	249	0
4	Assam	231	98	133	2269	2079	190
5	Bihar	544	407	137	4316	2181	2135
6	Chhattisgarh	220	150	70	1866	1390	476
7	Goa	11	11	0	50	43	7
8	Gujarat	336	266	70	2049	1820	229
9	Haryana	148	98	50	1018	772	246
10	Himachal Pradesh	78	66	12	735	609	126
11	Jharkhand	224	85	139	1435	766	669
12	Karnataka	204	136	68	2503	1933	570
13	Kerala	258	244	14	1328	1039	289
14	Madhya Pradesh	453	453	0	3379	3401	-22
15	Maharashtra	553	289	264	3899	2780	1119
16	Manipur	43	43	0	398	336	62
17	Meghalaya	41	37	4	185	185	0
18	Mizoram	27	27	0	90	90	0
19	Nagaland	60	60	0	159	159	0
20	Odisha	338	332	6	2550	2462	88
21	Punjab	155	112	43	1043	740	303
22	Rajasthan	304	143	161	2232	1475	757
23	Sikkim	13	13	0	52	52	0
24	Tamil Nadu	434	283	151	1980	1125	855
25	Tripura	56	32	24	406	234	172
26	Uttar Pradesh	897	383	514	6718	2903	3815
27	Uttarakhand	105	60	45	598	441	157
28	West Bengal *	576	383	193	4779	1346	3433
29	A & N Islands	5	4	1	28	27	1
30	Chandigarh	3	3	0	18	12	6
31	Delhi	95	48	47	432	374	58
32	Dadra & N Haveli and Daman & Diu	4	3	1	13	6	7
33	Jammu & Kashmir	128	102	26	1231	1025	206
34	Ladakh	13	4	9	47	36	11
35	Lakshadweep	9	0	9	4	3	1
36	Puducherry	5	5	0	34	0	34
	Total	7075	4884	2191	51312	34342	16970