

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UN-STARRED QUESTION No. 3162
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2021

IRREGULARITIES IN ICDS

3162. SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI:

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

- (a) whether several complaints have been regularly made to her Ministry with regard to the implementation of Integrated Child Development Scheme scheme in different States;
- (b) if so, the nature of the complaints and their disposal;
- (c) whether the Government has felt the need for revamping the Scheme; and
- (d) if so, the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken in in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a) & (b) Anganwadi Services is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme and the administration, management and monitoring of the Scheme is the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. Accordingly, if any complaint is received, the same is forwarded to the concerned State/UT for examination of the issue in the light of extant rules/regulations/guidelines of Anganwadi Services and thereby taking appropriate action under intimation to the MWCD.

(c) & (d) Revamping of Anganwadi Scheme is a continuous process for which various steps have been taken from time to time which are as follows:

(i) Joint guidelines have been issued by Ministries of Women & Child Development, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj for construction of AWC buildings across the country under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in convergence with Anganwadi Services.

(ii) Streamlined guidelines have been issued on 13.01.2021, covering several aspects such as quality assurance, roles and responsibilities of duty holders, procedure for procurement and integrating AYUSH concepts and Data management.

(iii) Ministry of WCD has conceptualized a digital platform, "Poshan Tracker", a robust ICT enabled digital platform, launched in March, 2021 to ensure real time monitoring of provisioning of supplementary nutrition by use of data analytics for prompt supervision and management of services, tracking of all AWCs, AWWs and beneficiaries on defined indicators. States/UTs are also submitting progress reports on the implementation of Anganwadi Services to this Ministry.

(iv) Mission Poshan 2.0 (Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0) announced in budget 2021-2022 is an integrated nutrition support programme, to strengthen nutritional content, delivery, outreach and outcomes with focus on developing practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity to disease and malnutrition.
