GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO: 296 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2021

REVIEW OF ANGANWADI CENTRES

*296: MS. DIYA KUMARI

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

- (a) whether the Government conducts periodic review of the condition of Anganwadi Centres such as provision of adequate storage facilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to address the issues identified particularly in the light of POSHAN Abhiyan;
- (c) whether funds have been allocated for infrastructural development and maintenance of Anganwadi Centres under POSHAN 2.0 Abhiyan and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure efficient functioning of these Centres in the country especially in Rajasthan?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Part (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.296 by Ms.Diya Kumari to be answered on 17.12.2021 regarding "Review of Anganwadi Centres"

(a) to (d) The Government has ensured sustained engagements with State Governments/UT Administrations for review and improvement of Anganwadi Centres including recent interactions to discuss different implementation related issues to strengthen services under Anganwadi Services Scheme. Further, streamlined guidelines have also been issued on 13.01.2021, covering several aspects such as quality assurance, roles and responsibilities of duty holders, procedure for procurement, integrating AYUSH concepts and Data management and monitoring through "Poshan Tracker" for transparency, efficiency and accountability in delivery of Supplementary Nutrition under the Scheme.

Further, the Government of India, time and again, reviews the implementation of Anganwadi Services Scheme and the facilities provided therein, with States/UTs through various modes i.e. letters/reminders/conferences/video conferences and field visits by officials of Central Government.

An amount of Rs.9315.26 lakhs (Gol Share) has been allocated to States/UTs under the Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) 2021-22 for maintenance of Anganwadi Centres under Mission POSHAN 2.0.
