

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2260
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2022

INCREASE IN HONORARIUM OF ANGANWADI WORKERS

2260. DR. AMAR SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government concurs with the view that if it increases the honorarium of Anganwadi workers, build capacity and invest in research and development of a meaningful Evidence on Early Childhood Education (ECE) curriculum, the Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) will be an ideal launch pad for children entering primary school;
- (b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) are “honorary workers” from the local community who come forward to render their services on part-time basis in the area of child care and development. For providing these services (including Early Childhood Care and Education), they are paid honorarium on monthly basis as decided by Government of India from time to time. Presently, honorarium of AWWs at main Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) is ₹ 4,500/- per month; AWWs at mini-AWCs is ₹3,500/- per month; AWHs is ₹2,250/- per month. Besides performance linked incentive of ₹ 250/- per month to AWHs, modified guidelines have been issued for performance linked incentive @ ₹500/- per month to Anganwadi Workers w.e.f. 01.04.2021. In addition, States/UTs are also paying additional monetary incentives/honorarium to these functionaries from their own resources.

To strengthen Anganwadi services and to achieve intended outcomes, capacity building of Anganwadi workers is a priority area under Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0. Anganwadi workers are made aware about Anganwadi Services Scheme and its objectives, requirements of beneficiaries under the scheme and the services mandated for delivery to them. They are made aware about preparation of training/learning material, use of assessment cards and involvement of parents in the ECCE programme. Training is always imparted based on developments in the Anganwadi Services Scheme and in the area of women and child development.
