

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UN STARRED QUESTION NO. 3372
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2022

OPERATIONAL AWCS IN WEST BENGAL

3372. SHRI DILIP GHOSH:

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

- (a) the number of Anganwadi Kendras operational in West Bengal and the number of children and women being benefited through these Kendras;
- (b) the details of various projects/schemes launched in this regard in West Bengal;
- (c) the details of allocation of fund and its utilisation during the last five years;
- (d) whether foodgrains are being provided by the Government for pregnant women and children in Anganwadi Kendras of West Bengal under NFSA, 2013, if so, the details thereof, during last five years; and
- (e) the eligibility criteria of the Anganwadi workers and helpers and the details of salary and honorarium being paid along with the prescribed fund sharing ratio between Centre and States?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) As on 31.03.2022, all the 119481 sanctioned Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) are operational in the State of West Bengal wherein 6870745 children (6 months-6 years) and 1465148 Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers have been benefited. Recently the Anganwadi Services Scheme has been revised and subsumed under Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 and has been launched across the country including in the State of West Bengal.

(c) The details of funds allocated to the State of West Bengal and funds utilized, during the last five years, is as under:

(Rupees in Lakhs)

S.No.	Year	Funds Released	Funds Utilized
i.	2017-18	99426.41	69041.2
ii.	2018-19	124775.06	96158
iii.	2019-20	116399.75	132046
iv.	2020-21	104720.89	89789.29
v.	2021-22*	66835.22	----

* Utilization not due for Financial Year 2021-22

(d) Yes, Sir. Under Wheat Based Nutrition Programme (WBNP) of Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0, foodgrains are being allocated to State Governments/UT

Administrations for the beneficiaries of Anganwadi Services. Details of foodgrains allocated to the State of West Bengal during last five years is as under:-

S. No.	Year	Rice (in MTs)	Fortified Rice (in MTs)
i.	2017-18	80000	---
ii.	2018-19	109522	--
iii.	2019-20	132000	--
iv.	2020-21	143165	--
v.	2021-22	62314	98368

(e) Minimum prescribed qualification for Anganwadi Worker (AWW)/ Anganwadi Helper (AWH) is 12th standard and age limit is 18-35 years. AWWs/AWHs being honorary workers are paid a monthly honorarium as decided by Government from time to time. Presently, honorarium of AWWs at main-AWCs is ₹ 4,500/- per month and at mini-AWCs is ₹3,500/- per month. For AWHs, the honorarium is ₹2,250/- per month. AWWs are paid a performance linked incentive of ₹ 500/- per month while for AWHs the performance linked incentive is ₹250/- per month. In addition, States/UTs are also paying additional monetary incentives/honorarium to these functionaries from their own resources. The prescribed cost sharing ratio between Central and States/UTs for the Honorarium to AWWs/AWHs is as under:

- i. States/ UTs with Legislature- 60:40
- ii. NE / Himalayan States (including J&K) - 90: 10
- iii. UT without legislature- 100:0
