GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 932 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2022

TRAINING FOR ANGANWADI WORKERS

932. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that Anganwadi workers often do not have the support or training to provide Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE);
- (b) if so, the initiatives proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard in view of the crucial role played by anganwadis in supporting households, particularly from low- income families, by providing childcare, health and nutrition, education, supplementary nutrition, immunisation, health checkup and referral services; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) To strengthen Anganwadi services and to achieve intended outcomes, capacity building of Anganwadi workers are 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. They are trained on supplementary nutrition guidelines, nutrition norms, food safety norms and practices, new born care and early assessment of child hood illnesses, ante-natal and post-natal practices, Infant and Young Child Feeding Practices and use of growth monitoring devices. Training is always imparted based on developments in the Anganwadi Services Scheme and in the area of women and child development.

The training curriculum has been developed in consultation with faculty of NIPCCD who are experts in the area of Anthropology, Child Development, Communication, Early Childhood Care and Education, Nutrition, Psychology, Sociology, Social work, etc. The training provided to the Anganwadi Workers/Helpers and the Supervisors at the Anganwadi Workers Training Centres (AWTCs)/ Middle Level Training Centres (MLTCs) is a part of the Anganwadi Services Scheme. The AWTCs/MLTCs are run by the respective State Governments/UT Administrations.
