

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 764**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2024

**UPGRADATION OF ANGANWADI CENTRES TO SAKSHAM ANGANWADI**

764: SHRI APPALANAIDU KALISSETTI:  
SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:  
DR. BYREDDY SHABARI:  
SHRI DAGGUMALLA PRASADA RAO:

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

- (a) the number of Anganwadi Centres upgraded into Saksham Anganwadis in Andhra Pradesh, district wise especially Vizianagram and Nandyal during the last three years, indicating the criteria for selection, year wise;
- (b) the list of amenities that will be installed thereunder;
- (c) the funds allocated and utilized for upgradation of these Anganwadi Centres, State wise including the said areas during the last three years, year wise;
- (d) the training and support provided to Anganwadi workers in Andhra Pradesh to enhance their skills and effectiveness in the upgraded Saksham Anganwadi Centres;
- (e) whether the Government has any planned/proposed projects or have fixed any criteria for the upgradation of additional Anganwadi Centres in the said State and Districts under the Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 scheme, if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether there are any delays or challenges faced in the said process, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (g) whether there is any proposal for welfare of Anganwadi workers in the State of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof including existing welfare schemes implemented for them?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) & (b) During the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission cycle, 2 lakh Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) located in Government buildings @ 40,000 AWCs per year are to be strengthened and upgraded as Saksham Anganwadis for improved nutrition delivery and for Early Childhood Care and Education under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0. Saksham Anganwadis are to be provided with better infrastructure than the conventional Anganwadi Centres including internet/Wi-Fi connectivity, LED screens, water purifier/installation of RO Machine, Poshan Vatika, ECCE related books and learning material. District wise details of Anganwadi Centres in the State of

Andhra Pradesh approved for upgradation into Saksham Anganwadi during the last three years are placed at **Annexure I**.

(c) Details of State wise allocation of fund for upgradation of Anganwadi Centres to Saksham Anganwadi Centres during the last three years, year wise are placed at **Annexure II**.

(d) Government has launched Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi (PBPB) initiative on 10th May, 2023 for upskilling of all anganwadi workers across the country to build their capacity to provide early childhood care and education and nutrition service to the children below six years of age. As on June 2024, under Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi, 11,364 State Level Master Trainers (CDPOs, Supervisors and Additional Resource Persons) have been trained across the Country wherein 376 SLMTs have been trained in 11 Districts of Andhra Pradesh.

(e) and (f) Under Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, for the 15th Finance Commission cycle, two lakh Anganwadi Centres located in Government buildings @ 40,000 AWCs per year are to be strengthened and upgraded for improved nutrition delivery to beneficiaries and for delivery of ECCE to stimulate the creative, social, emotional, cognitive and intellectual development of children under 6 years of age. As on date, Ministry has approved 92108 AWCs for upgradation as Saksham Anganwadis.

(g) Anganwadi Workers (AWW) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWH) are “honorary workers” from the local community who voluntarily come forward to render their services in the area of child care and development to help the community for which Anganwadi Worker is paid honorarium @Rs.4,500/- per month and Anganwadi Helper is paid honorarium @Rs.2,250/- per month on cost sharing basis between the Centre and State/UT along with performance linked incentive of Rs.250/- per month for AWHs and Rs.500/- to AWWs. In addition, States/UTs are also paying additional monetary incentives/honorarium to these functionaries from their own resources which vary from State to State. The State of Andhra Pradesh provides Rs. 7000/- as additional honorarium to AWWs.

Further, under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, promotional opportunities for Anganwadi Workers have been enhanced across the country including State of Andhra Pradesh. 50% posts of Anganwadi Workers are to be filled by Anganwadi Helpers with at least 5 years of experience and 50% posts of Supervisors are to be filled by promotion of Anganwadi Workers with at least 5 years of experience subject to fulfilment of other criteria.

Insurance benefits have been provided to Anganwadi Workers and Helpers under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) for life cover worth Rs.2.00 lakh (covers life risk, death due to any reason) in the age group of 18 to 50 years. Similarly under Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana coverage is provided for accidental cover of Rs.2.00 Lakh (accidental death and permanent full disability) /Rs.1.00 Lakh (partial but permanent disability) to AWWs and AWHs in the age group of 18-59 years. It has been announced in the interim budget FY 2024-25 to extend healthcare annual coverage of Rs. 5 Lakhs under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) to all Anganwadi workers and helpers.

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## Annexure I

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (B) OF LOK SABHA UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 764 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2024 REGARDING “UPGRADATION OF ANGANWADI CENTRES TO SAKSHAM ANGANWADI” BY SHRI APPALANAIDU KALISSETTI, SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU, DR. BYREDDY SHABARI AND SHRI DAGGUMALLA PRASADA RAO:

Statement indicating district wise Anganwadi Centres approved for upgradation to Saksham Anganwadi in State of Andhra Pradesh

State	Financial Year	District	No of AWCs approved for upgradation to Saksham Anganwadis
ANDHRA PRADESH	2022-23	Visakhapatnam	400
		Vizianagaram	400
		Kadapa	305
	2023-24	Annamayya	174
		PVP Manyam	516
		Kurnool	27
		Prakasam	82
		Alluri Sitarama Raju (ASR)	181
		YSR Kadapa	720
		NTR	63
<b>Total</b>			<b>2868</b>

Statement referred to in reply to Part (c) of Lok Sabha Un-Starred Question No. 764 to be answered on 26.07.2024 regarding “Upgradation of Anganwadi Centres to Saksham Anganwadi” by Shri Appalanaidu Kaliseti, Shri Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu, Dr. Byreddy Shabari and Shri Daggumalla Prasada Rao:

Year wise statement indicating State wise detail of funds allocated for upgradation to Saksham Anganwadi Centres across the country including Andhra Pradesh

State/UT	No. of AWCs approved for upgradation during FY 2022-23	Fund allocated during FY 2022-23 (Rs. in Lakh)	No. of AWCs approved for upgradation during FY 2023-24	Fund allocated during FY 2023-24 (Rs. in Lakh)	Total No. of AWCs approved for upgradation	Total Fund allocated (Rs. in Lakh)
Andhra Pradesh	1105	525.58	1763	1057.8	2868	1583.38
Bihar	3566	1697.77	3550	2130	7116	3827.77
Chhattisgarh	4750	1957.92	1740	1044	6490	3001.92
Gujarat	1250	750.00	0	0	1250	750.00
Haryana	10	3.56	0	0	10	3.56
Himachal Pradesh	100	72.86	25	22.5	125	95.36
Jammu & Kashmir	86	69.66	50	45	136	114.66
Jharkhand	6850	3028.88	0	0	6850	3028.88
Karnataka	100	47.39	178	106.8	278	154.19
Kerala	250	116.12	1710	1026	1960	1142.12
Madhya Pradesh	2220	1305.85	9486	5691.6	11706	6997.45
Maharashtra	1150	520.47	589	353.4	1739	873.87
Odisha	6000	2920.92	1084	650.4	7084	3571.32
Punjab	100	56.88	0	0	100	56.88
Rajasthan	213	102.93	340	204	553	306.93
Tamil Nadu	800	395.76	5590	3354	6390	3749.76
Telangana	500	278.16	3529	2117.4	4029	2395.56
Uttar Pradesh	2349	1015.80	17845	10707	20194	11722.80
Uttrakhand	350	306.04	213	191.7	563	497.74
West Bengal	4750	2308.19	609	365.4	5359	2673.59
Arunachal Pradesh	100	71.51	0	0	100	71.51
Assam	3963	3285.58	815	733.5	4778	4019.08
Manipur	30	20.25	0	0	30	20.25
Meghalaya	100	68.90	8	7.2	108	76.10
Mizoram	100	64.13	988	889.2	1088	953.33
Nagaland	100	72.14	49	44.1	149	116.24
Sikkim	100	64.13	335	301.5	435	365.63
Tripura	200	146.25	245	220.5	445	366.75
Andaman & Nicobar	0	0	86	86	86	86.00
Goa	0	0	24	14.4	24	14.40
Puducherry	0	0	65	39	65	39.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>41192</b>	<b>21273.63</b>	<b>50916</b>	<b>31402.4</b>	<b>92108</b>	<b>52676.03</b>