

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 904
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2024

ANGANWADI CENTRES IN TAMIL NADU

904 KM. SUDHA R:

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

- (a) the total number of Anganwadis with both Anganwadi Worker (AWW) and Anganwadi Helper in Tamil Nadu, district-wise;
- (b) the total number of Anganwadis with only AWW in the State, district-wise;
- (c) the total number of Anganwadis with their own pucca building, toilets, drinking water, electricity supply, playground, and cooking facilities, district-wise, in the State; and
- (d) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure a child-friendly environment in Anganwadis, and if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) & (b) Details of Anganwadis with both Anganwadi Worker (AWW) and Anganwadi Helper (AWH) and the total number of Anganwadis with only Anganwadi Worker in the State of Tamil Nadu (district wise) are placed at ANNEXURE I.

(c) Details of Anganwadis with their own pucca building, toilets, drinking water, electricity supply, playground and cooking facilities in the State of Tamil Nadu (district wise) are placed at ANNEXURE II.

(d) To focus on the overall development of child this Ministry has undertaken several steps/initiative to strengthen the infrastructure in the Anganwadi Centre. Under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, 2 lakh Anganwadi Centres located in government buildings @ 40,000 AWCs per year are to be upgraded as Saksham Anganwadis for improved nutrition delivery and for Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE). 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 books and learning material etc.

Also States/UTs have been advised through sustained engagements/VCs that an Anganwadi Centre must have a separate sitting room for children/women, separate kitchen, store for storing food items, child friendly toilets and space for playing of children (indoor and outdoor activities) with safe drinking water facilities.

The Ministry has enhanced the cost of construction of drinking water facilities at Anganwadi Centres to Rs.17,000/- and for construction of toilets to Rs.36,000/-.

The Government has launched Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi (PBPB) initiative on 10th May, 2023 which specifically targets upskilling of anganwadi workers to build their capacity to provide early childhood care and education, together with ongoing nutrition service provision to the children below six years of age. Under PBPB this Ministry has launched the “Navchetana- National Framework for Early Childhood Stimulation for Children from Birth to Three Years,” and “Aadharshila- National Curriculum for Early Childhood Care and Education for Children from Three to Six Years

The Ministry has also issued directions to States/UTs across the country including the State of Tamil Nadu to upgrade all Mini Anganwadi Centres to Main Anganwadi Centres to strengthen the ECCE component under the scheme.

ANNEXURE I

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a & b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 904 FOR 26.07.2024 REGARDING “Anganwadi Centres in Tamil Nadu” ASKED BY Km. Sudha R.

(As per Poshan Tracker data)

Districts in the State of Tamil Nadu	Anganwadis with both Anganwadi worker and Anganwadi helper	Anganwadis with only Anganwadi Worker
Ariyalur	591	183
Chengalpattu	918	349
Chennai	1090	716
Coimbatore	1093	604
Cuddalore	1416	607
Dharmapuri	764	572
Dindigul	1386	649
Erode	1540	496
Kallakurichi	938	224
Kanchipuram	649	291
Kanyakumari	1112	289
Karur	644	408
Krishnagiri	1099	696
Madurai	1280	721
Mayiladuthurai	474	218
Nagapattinam	440	193
Namakkal	1150	449
Perambalur	383	107
Pudukkottai	1109	690
Ramanathapuram	902	552
Ranipet	621	335
Salem	1906	791
Sivaganga	900	652
Tenkasi	942	359
Thanjavur	1211	538
The Niligiris	368	118
Theni	678	387
Thiruvallur	1402	354
Thiruvarur	887	373
Tiruchirappalli	1236	613
Tirunelveli	902	359
Tirupathur	633	336
Tiruppur	1175	337
Tiruvannamalai	1487	640
Tuticorin	1172	333
Vellore	657	418
Villupuram	1370	407
Virudhunagar	1188	316
Total	37713	16680

ANNEXURE II

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 904 FOR 26.07.2024 REGARDING “Anganwadi Centres in Tamil Nadu” ASKED BY Km. Sudha R.

The total number of Anganwadis with their own pucca building, toilets, drinking water, electricity supply, playground, and cooking facilities in the State of Tamil Nadu:

(As per Poshan Tracker data)

Districts in the State of Tamil Nadu	No of AWCs with own pucca building	No of AWCs with toilet	No of AWCs with drinking water	No of AWCs with electricity supply	No of AWCs with playground	No of AWCs with cooking facility
Ariyalur	522	379	429	696	92	672
Chengalpattu	947	1162	1266	1248	488	1159
Chennai	1698	1789	1806	1800	621	1762
Coimbatore	1417	1628	1696	1673	814	1655
Cuddalore	1629	1708	1890	1994	579	1983
Dharmapuri	1043	1077	554	1203	543	1206
Dindigul	1626	1366	1343	1884	449	1890
Erode	1487	1701	1997	1905	622	1770
Kallakurichi	736	771	1162	1099	222	1066
Kanchipuram	829	862	891	931	322	914
Kanyakumari	830	1401	1401	1400	449	1376
Karur	692	778	938	963	276	866
Krishnagiri	1305	1154	1316	1428	495	1521
Madurai	1397	1603	1806	1939	322	1802
Mayiladuthurai	528	495	445	620	79	607
Nagapattinam	485	463	323	617	158	590
Namakkal	1091	1403	1498	1412	425	1494
Perambalur	430	472	490	485	196	484
Pudukkottai	1369	1053	1264	1617	514	1683
Ramanathapuram	835	1055	780	1246	343	1182
Ranipet	693	812	579	915	220	852
Salem	1899	1798	1973	2493	678	2472
Sivaganga	1169	1398	1342	1423	355	1387
Tenkasi	966	1296	1294	1282	229	1300
Thanjavur	1257	1317	1526	1592	617	1579
The Niligiris	418	478	486	479	205	478
Theni	693	833	804	990	155	989
Thiruvallur	1318	1253	1649	1494	511	1655
Thiruvarur	822	1096	1067	1217	337	1123
Tiruchirappalli	1566	1697	1847	1822	552	1806
Tirunelveli	976	1259	1260	1255	281	1261
Tirupathur	702	714	443	882	128	781
Tiruppur	1257	1408	1482	1426	501	1411
Tiruvannamalai	1712	1907	1972	2083	445	2052
Tuticorin	983	1401	1481	1481	312	1433
Vellore	746	904	854	1059	205	964
Villupuram	1376	1306	1660	1724	541	1601
Virudhunagar	1231	1292	1415	1457	218	1449
TOTAL	40680	44489	46429	51234	14499	50275