

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3211
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2024

CRÈCHES IN ANGANWADI

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Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aiming at establishing crèches in Anganwadi centres across the country;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to achieve the said target; and
- (c) the number of crèches approved by the Government along with the time by which the remaining crèches are likely to be approved?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR)

(a) to (c): Anganwadi centres are the world's largest childcare institutions dedicated to providing essential care and support to children ensuring delivery of care facilities till the last mile. In a first of its kind approach, the Ministry through Palna scheme has extended the services of childcare through Anganwadi cum Crèche (AWCC). This will ensure whole day childcare support ensuring their well-being in a safe and secure environment. The objective of Palna is to provide quality crèche facility in safe and secure environment for children (from ages 6 months – 6 years), nutritional support, health and cognitive development of children, growth monitoring & immunization. Crèche facilities under Palna are provided to all mothers, irrespective of their employment status.

As part of the umbrella 'Mission Shakti', a total of 17,000 Anganwadi-cum-Creches (AWCCs) have been approved for establishment under Palna scheme, during the 15th Finance Commission Cycle (i.e. upto FY 2025-26). Proposals for establishment and operation of AWCCs are received from the respective State Governments/UT Administrations, who are also responsible for contributing their corresponding share for the implementation of the Scheme. As on 31.10.2024, a total of 10,609 AWCCs have been approved by the Ministry as per proposals received from various States/UTs, out of which 1,241 have been made operational by the respective States/ UTs.
