

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 759
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2024

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR AWWS

759. Shri Mani A:

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

- (a) the number of Anganwadi centers that are currently operational across the country, indicating the estimated reach of these centers among rural and urban populations;
- (b) the percentage of Anganwadi centers with basic facilities such as clean drinking water, sanitation and adequate space for activities;
- (c) whether any recommendations are pending with Government to improve the infrastructure and resources at Anganwadi centers, if so, the details thereof and the manner in which the Ministry is addressing gaps in essential facilities;
- (d) the list of training programmes available for Anganwadi workers and helpers to ensure effective delivery of services under ICDS; and
- (e) the details of training initiatives aimed at enhancing the skills of Anganwadi workers, particularly in child nutrition, health and early childhood education?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (c) Government of India has accorded high priority to the issue of malnutrition, it is implementing several schemes/programmes through different Ministries/Departments through States/UTs to address various aspects related to nutrition. The efforts under the Supplementary Nutrition Programme under Anganwadi Services and Poshan Abhiyaan have been realigned and converged as 'Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0' (Mission Poshan 2.0). The State wise list of Anganwadi Centres that are currently operational across the country is placed at **annexure I**.

In order to improve the infrastructure facilities at the Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) various steps have been undertaken by the Ministry that, inter alia, include increasing the funding for drinking water facilities and toilets from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.17,000/- per AWC and Rs.12,000/- to Rs.36,000/- per AWC respectively. As per the data from Poshan Tracker, drinking water facility is available in 11,47,213 AWCs and toilet facility is available in 9,16,105 AWCs as of October 2024.

Under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, there is a provision of construction of 50000 AWCs buildings over a period of five years @10000 AWCs per year. The cost norms for construction of Anganwadi Centres in convergence with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) have been revised from Rs.7 Lakh per AWC to Rs.12 Lakh per AWC wherein Rs.8.00 Lakh would be provided under MGNREGS, Rs.2.00 Lakh under 15th Finance Commission (FC) (or any other untied funds) and Rs.2.00 Lakh by MWCD per AWC to be shared between Centre and States/UTs in the prescribed cost sharing ratio. Further, States/UTs have also been advised to continue to tap funds for construction of AWC buildings from various schemes such as Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS), Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF), Finance Commission Grants to Panchayati Raj Institutions, National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), Multi- Sectoral Development Programme (MSDP) of Ministry of Minority Affairs, etc.

During the 15th Finance Commission cycle, 2 lakh Anganwadi Centres @ 40,000 AWCs per year are to be upgraded as Saksham Anganwadis for improved nutrition delivery and for early childhood care and development under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0. Saksham Anganwadis are equipped with infrastructure better than the conventional Anganwadi Centres by providing LED screens, water purifier/installation of RO Machine, Poshan Vatika, ECCE and BALA Paintings. As on date, the total AWCs approved for upgradation as Saksham AWCs is 1,70,337.

Directions have been issued to States/UTs to co-locate Anganwadi Centres, which are running on rent without sufficient infrastructure, at nearby Primary Schools, where space is available.

Further, Government has also decided to upgrade all Mini AWCs with one worker to full-fledged Anganwadi Centres with one worker and one helper each.

Under Mission Poshan 2.0, Anganwadi workers (AWWs) have been technologically empowered with the provision of smartphones for efficient monitoring and service delivery. The mobile application Poshan Tracker digitizes physical registers used by Anganwadi workers. This improves the quality of their work while simultaneously allowing them real-time monitoring of the all activities in the Anganwadi.

In addition to AWWs, Smartphones are provided to Supervisors and Block Coordinators also. Similarly, data recharge support is provided to AWWs, Supervisors and Block Coordinators.

Regular monitoring of growth parameters is essential for identifying children who may be malnourished and to make timely interventions. Therefore, Anganwadi centres have been equipped with Growth Monitoring Devices like infantometer, stadiometer, weighing scale-infant, weighing scale – Mother & Child.

(d) and (e) Government has launched Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi (PBPB) initiative on 10th May, 2023 for upskilling of all anganwadi workers to build their capacity to provide early childhood care and education and nutrition service to children below six years of age.

To empower the Anganwadi workers and ensure optimal learning for all children including Divyang children, this Ministry has developed two curriculum frameworks - "Navchetana- National Framework for Early Childhood Stimulation for Children from Birth to 3 Years" and "Aadharshila- National Curriculum for Early Childhood Care and Education for Children from 3 to 6 Years" under Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi programme.

As on 27.11.2024 a total of 23,411 State Level Master Trainers (CDPOs, Supervisors and Additional Resource Persons) and 37,732 Anganwadi Workers have been trained across the country to deliver the Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi programme.

Annexure I

Statement referred to in reply to Part (a) of Lok Sabha Un-Starred Question No. 759 to be answered on 29.11.2024 regarding "Training Programme for AWWs" by Shri Mani A.

Statement indicating State wise operational Anganwadi Centres

S. No	State/UTs	Operational AWCs as per State
1	Andhra Pradesh	55607
2	Arunachal Pradesh	6225
3	Assam	62093
4	Bihar	114968
5	Chhattisgarh	52382
6	Goa	1261
7	Gujarat	53065
8	Haryana	25962
9	Himachal Pradesh	18925
10	Jharkhand	38515
11	Karnataka	65931
12	Kerala	33120
13	Madhya Pradesh	97329
14	Maharashtra	110516
15	Manipur	11523
16	Meghalaya	6162
17	Mizoram	2244
18	Nagaland	3980
19	Odisha	74192
20	Punjab	27314
21	Rajasthan	61885
22	Sikkim	1308
23	Tamil Nadu	54449
24	Telangana	35700
25	Tripura	10222
26	Uttar Pradesh	189021
27	Uttarakhand	20060
28	West Bengal	119481
29	A & N Islands	720
30	Chandigarh	450
31	Dadra & N Haveli and Daman & Diu	405
32	Delhi	10897
33	Jammu & Kashmir	28426
34	Ladakh	1173
35	Lakshadweep	59
36	Puducherry	855
Total		1396425
