

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 761**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2024

**DIGITIZATION OF ANGANWADI CENTERS**

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

- (a) whether the Government has improved the basic facilities of toilets, drinking water, sanitation, power, in Anganwadis particularly in rural and remote areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor;
- (c) whether Mission Saksham Anganwadi provide for digitization of Anganwadi services centres; and
- (d) if so, whether required equipments have been provided for the purpose and if so, the details thereof ?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) In order to improve the infrastructure facility of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs), the Ministry has enhanced the provision for construction of drinking water facility at Anganwadi Centre to Rs.17,000/- from Rs 10,000/- earlier and for construction of toilet to Rs.36,000/- from Rs 12,000/- earlier. During FY 2023-24, 61189 AWCs have been approved for construction of drinking water facilities and 65790 AWCs for construction of toilet facilities. During FY 2024-25 as on 20.11.2024, 4768 AWCs have been approved for construction of drinking water facilities and 1437 AWCs for construction of toilet facilities. As per data from Poshan Tracker 11,47,213 AWCs have Drinking water facilities and 9,16,105 AWCs have toilet facilities 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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

During the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 imparting early childhood care and development. Saksham Anganwadis are to be provided with better infrastructure than the conventional Anganwadi Centres which includes internet/Wi-Fi connectivity, LED screens, water purifier/installation of RO Machine and smart learning equipment. As on 25.11.2024, a total of 170337 AWCs has been approved for upgradation across the country.

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 all activities.

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 for making timely interventions. Therefore, Anganwadi centres have been equipped with Growth Monitoring devices like infantometer, stadiometer, weighing scale-infant, weighing scale – Mother & Child.

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