

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5734
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2025

ANGANWADI CENTRES IN ASSAM

5734. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

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

- (a) the details of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) that have been upgraded to Saksham Anganwadis in Assam, district-wise along with the targets set for the same;
- (b) whether the AWCs have been temporarily or permanently closed in Assam in the last five years, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of AWCs in Assam operating in temporary or semi-pucca structures in Assam, district-wise and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the number of AWCs in Assam without toilet facilities and whether the Government has provided mobile toilets to the same, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d). As per the the 15th Finance Commission cycle, 2 lakh Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) located in Government buildings @ 40,000 AWCs per year are 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 provided with better infrastructure than the conventional Anganwadi Centres including LED screens, water purifier/installation of RO Machine, Poshan Vatika, ECCE related books and learning material etc. As on date, 2 Lakh Anganwadi Centres have been sanctioned for upgradation to Saksham Anganwadi Centres. In the State of Assam, 3884 AWCs have

been upgraded to Saksham Anganwadi Centres. District wise details of AWCs upgraded in Assam are placed at **Annexure-I**.

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. In the State of Assam, a total of 16,331 AWCs are operating in semi-pucca structures. District wise details are placed at **Annexure-II**.

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.

In order to improve the infrastructure facility of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) various steps have been undertaken by the Ministry that, inter alia, include increasing the funding for drinking water facilities and toilets at Anganwadi Centres from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.17,000/- and Rs.12,000/- to Rs.36,000/- respectively. As reported by State Government of Assam, a total of 5,627 AWCs are without toilet facility and there is no provision for mobile toilet.

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Un-Starred Question No. 5734 to be answered on 04.04.2025 regarding “Anganwadi Centres in Assam”

District wise, number of AWCs upgraded into Saksham AWCs

S No.	Name of District	No. of AWCs upgraded till date
1.	Baksa	545
2.	Barpeta	470
3.	Biswanath	100
4.	Bongaigaon	25
5.	Cachar	66
6.	Darrang	151
7.	Dhubri	191
8.	Dibrugarh	149
9.	Goalpara	508
10.	Golaghat	50
11.	Hailakandi	79
12.	HOJAI	75
13.	Jorhat	167
14.	Kamrup M	153
15.	Karbi Anglong	50
16.	Lakhimpur	125
17.	Majuli	25
18.	MORIGAON	50
19.	Nagaon	125
20.	SIVASAGAR	23

21.	South Salmara	138
22.	Tinsukia	258
23.	Udalguri	361
	Total	3884

Annexure-II

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Un-Starred Question No. 5734 to be answered on 04.04.2025 regarding “Anganwadi Centres in Assam”

District wise, number of AWCs operating in Semi Pucca building

Sl. No	District	No. of AWCs operating in Semi pucca
1	Bajali	89
2	Baksa	854
3	Barpeta	429
4	Biswanath	216
5	Bongaigaon	115
6	Cachar	1543
7	Charaideo	22
8	Chirang	319
9	Darrang	480
10	Dhemaji	478
11	Dhubri	592
12	Dibrugarh	319
13	Dima Hasao	326
14	Goalpara	494
15	Golaghat	697
16	Hailakandi	431
17	Hojai	586
18	Jorhat	138
19	Kamrup	534
20	Kamrup Metro	155
21	Karbi Anglong	1194
22	Karimganj	351
23	Kokrajhar	519
24	Lakhimpur	1029
25	Majuli	102
26	Morigaon	259
27	Nagaon	537
28	Nalbari	643
29	Sivasagar	73
30	Sonitpur	601
31	South Salmara Mankachar	286
32	Tamulpur	634
33	Tinsukia	304
34	Udalguri	575
35	West Karbi-Anglong	407
	Total	16331
