GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 746 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2025

SOCIAL SECURITY TO ANGANWADI WORKERS

746. SHRI SHAFI PARAMBIL:

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

- (a) the total number of Anganwadi workers in the country as of 1January 2025, Statewise;
- (b) the details of salary and other benefits for Anganwadi workers in the country;
- (c) whether the Anganwadi workers are protected by social security benefits;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) The total number of Anganwadi workers as per Poshan tracker data of 1st January, 2025 across the country, State/UT wise is placed at Annexure I.

(b) to (e) Anganwadi Services under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 is a Centrally Sponsored scheme. The Central Government is responsible for policy and planning and the State Governments are responsible for day-to-day program implementation. Government of India releases funds to the States/ UTs for providing honorarium to Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) as per the defined cost sharing ratio @Rs.4,500/- per month to AWW at main Anganwadi Centres (AWCs); @Rs.3,500/- per month to AWW at mini- AWCs and @Rs.2,250/- per month to AWH. Besides, performance linked incentive of Rs.250/- per month is provided to AWHs and Rs.500/- provided to AWWs. In addition, States/UTs are also paying additional monetary incentives/top ups to these functionaries from their own resources which vary from State to State.

Insurance benefits have been provided to all eligible Anganwadi Workers and Helpers under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) for life cover worth Rs.2.00 lakh (covers life risk, death due to any reason) in the age group of 18 to 50 years and under Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana for accidental cover of Rs.2.00 Lakh (accidental death and permanent full disability) /Rs.1.00 Lakh (partial but permanent disability) in the age group of 18-59 years.

During the interim budget for Financial Year (FY) 2024-25 it was announced to extend annual healthcare coverage of Rs. 5 Lakhs under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) to all Anganwadi workers and helpers.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.746 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2025 REGARDING "SOCIAL SECURITY TO ANGANWADI WORKERS"

State/ UT wise number of Anganwadi workers as per Poshan tracker data on 1st January, 2025 across the country is as under:

State/UT	No. of Anganwadi Workers
Andhra Pradesh	53,992
Arunachal Pradesh	6,163
Assam	60,393
Bihar	1,10,808
Chhattisgarh	51,806
Goa	1,205
Gujarat	52,363
Haryana	23,570
Himachal Pradesh	18,710
Jharkhand	37,764
Karnataka	65,433
Kerala	33,066
Madhya Pradesh	95,634
Maharashtra	1,06,191
Manipur	11,145
Meghalaya	5,979
Mizoram	2,237
Nagaland	3,969
Odisha	73,475
Punjab	25,763
Rajasthan	60,945
Sikkim	1,307
Tamil Nadu	43,872
Telangana	33,283
Tripura	10,107
Uttar Pradesh	1,77,563
Uttarakhand	19,304
West Bengal	1,04,363
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	715
Dadra & Nagar Haveli - Daman & Diu	404
Delhi	10,578
J&K	27,070
Ladakh	1,168
Lakshadweep	58
Puducherry	789
UT-Chandigarh	430
Total	13,31,622