GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 2172 TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2025

HONORARIUM TO AWWS AND AWHS

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

- (a) the performance of Anganwadi Centres in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether the honorarium for Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers was last revised in 2018, if so, the constraints being faced by the Government to further revise their honorarium; and
- (c) whether the Government is considering to link their honorarium to inflation as being done in case of MGNREGA workers, 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) As per Poshan Tracker data improvement in malnutrition indicators has been observed in children across India. Malnutrition indicators of children (0-5 years) in the State of Andhra Pradesh as on June 2025 and June 2024 are as under:

Month	Total Active Children (0-	Measuring Efficiency	Stunting%	Wasting%	Underweight%
	5 years)	(%)			
	measured				
	during the month				
June,	21,83,364	98.56	18.43	4.97	7.68
2025					
June 2024	23,98,832	96.45	20.68	5.61	9.75

Details of home visits undertaken by Anganwadi Workers in the State of Andhra Pradesh:

Month	Total Targeted Visits	Total visits made	% of visits made
June , 2025	7,31,668	7,23,133	98.83
June 2024	6,62,577	6,55,995	99.01

(b) Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) are "honorary workers" from the local community who voluntarily come forward to render their services in the area of child care and development to help the local community for which they are paid honorarium. Honorarium is given to AWWs and AWHs which is increased from time to time. From 1st October, 2018, Government of India has enhanced the honorarium of AWWs at Anganwadi centres (AWCs) from Rs.3,000/- to Rs.4,500/- per month; AWWs at mini- AWCs from Rs.2,250/- to Rs.3,500/- per month; AWHs from Rs.1,500/- to Rs.2,250/- per month as per the defined cost sharing ratio between the Centre & States/UTs.

Besides, performance linked incentive of Rs.500/- is provided to AWWs and Rs.250/- per month to AWHs. In addition, States/UTs are also paying additional monetary incentives/top ups to these voluntary workers from their own resources which vary from State to State.

(c) Currently no such proposal is under consideration.
