GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3449 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2025

VACANCIES IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

3449. SMT. DHANORKAR PRATIBHA SURESH:

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

- (a) whether 14 out of 15 Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) posts and 23 out of 89 Paryavekshika posts are vacant in Chandrapur, Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government considers this a serious flaw in the administrative implementation of child development schemes, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the impact of the said vacancies on the quality and comprehensiveness of services under the Integrated Child Development Service (ICDS) scheme and in providing regular care and services to children and mothers;
- (d) whether 71 out of 2447 Anganwadi Sevika posts and 118 out of 2447 Sahayika posts are vacant in Chandrapur, if so, the details thereof alongwith the impact on the daily functioning of Anganwadi centres; and
- (e) the details of the measures being taken by the Government at the administrative level to fill all the vacant posts of CDPO, supervisor, Anganwadi Sevika and Sahayika at the earliest alongwith the definite plan and timeline therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): Government of Maharashtra has informed that out of 15 sanctioned posts for Child Development Project Officer (Group B) under the Integrated Child Development Service Scheme projects in Chandrapur Zilla Parishad, 14 posts are vacant. Additionally, of the 89 sanctioned posts for Anganwadi Supervisors, 30 are vacant.

To prevent deterioration in the quality and comprehensiveness of ICDS services, the responsibilities of the vacant posts have been assigned to other officers and staff. Regular services and care are being provided to mothers and children through these means.

Within the 15 Integrated Child Development Service Scheme projects of Zilla Parishad Chandrapur, 69 posts are vacant out of 2,447 Anganwadi Workers, and 154 posts are vacant out of 2,447 Anganwadi Helpers.

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/UT Administrations are responsible for day-to-day program implementation. The matter regarding filling up of vacant posts at various levels falls in the domain of the states and UTs concerned. It is regularly taken up with the State Governments/ UT Administrations through sustained engagements/video conferences and meetings.
