

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2095
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2025

AWCS CO-LOCATED WITH SCHOOL

2095. SHRI SELVAGANAPATHI T. M. :

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government is considering to link 11 lakh Anganwadi Centers (AWCs) on the premises of primary schools, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also true that nearly 2.9 lakh AWCs have been co-located with the nearest school and 9.16 lakh to schools with Class 1, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that this is being done jointly by the Ministries of Education and Women and Child Development, if so, the details thereof, and
- (d) whether it is also true that a joint guidelines have been issued in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Government has taken several steps to strengthen Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) by enhancing convergence between Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) and Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL). A Joint Advisory was issued by both Ministries on 2nd April 2025 focused on effective convergence between both Ministries including co-location of Anganwadi Centers (AWCs) with Government Primary Schools.

Further detailed Guidelines for Co-locating AWCs with Government Primary Schools were issued by both Ministries on 3rd September, 2025.

The guidelines inter alia include:

- Mapping of AWCs with the nearest school to support school readiness and early learning continuity;
- Encouraging co-location of new AWCs within school campuses, subject to requisite infrastructure availability, and
- In places where physical co-location is not feasible, AWCs to be mapped with the nearest primary school.

These guidelines aim to strengthen foundational learning, and ensure improved access and seamless transition from pre-school to primary school for young children across India.

As per Unified District Information System for Education plus (UDISE+) portal, 2,99,546 AWCs have been co-located with Government schools across the country.
