

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 998
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.12.2025

ANGANWADI-CUM-CRECHE CENTRES IN RAJASTHAN

998. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

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

- (a) the number of operational Anganwadi Centres alongwith the details of their funding pattern in Rajasthan, particularly in the districts of Jhalawar and Baran;
- (b) the estimated impact of the Government's initiative to establish Anganwadi-cum-Creche Centres by 2029 with regard to enhancement of early childhood care and education and women's participation in the workforce across the country; and
- (c) the range of services proposed to be provided through Anganwadi-cum-Creche Centres, especially for supporting child development and early education in rural regions such as Jhalawar–Baran in Rajasthan?

ANSWER

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

(a) A total number of 62,276 Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) are operational in the State of Rajasthan, out of which 1514 and 1689 AWCs are operational from district of Jhalawar and Baran respectively as per Poshan Tracker data. Under the Scheme, Government of India releases grants-in-aid to the State of Rajasthan on the following cost-sharing ratio between Centre and State:

Name of State	Cost Sharing Ratio in SNP	Cost sharing ratio in all components except SNP
Rajasthan	50:50	60:40

(b) & (c): Ministry of Women and Child Development has introduced Palna Scheme under the Samarthya Vertical of Mission Shakti for all States and UTs w.e.f. 01 April 2022, to provide day care facilities and protection to children.

Lack of proper day-care services is, often, a deterrent for women to go out and work. To address these difficulties faced by the working mothers in giving due care and protection to their children, day-care crèche facilities are envisioned to be provided through Palna Scheme to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal 8 – Decent work and economic growth.

Anganwadi centres are the world's largest childcare institutions dedicated to providing essential care and support to children ensuring delivery of care facilities till the last mile. In a first of its kind approach, Ministry extended the services of childcare through Anganwadi cum Crèche (AWCC) to ensure whole day childcare support for well-being in a safe and secure environment. The objective of Palna Scheme is to provide quality crèche facility in safe and secure environment for children from ages 6 months – 6 years, nutritional support, health and cognitive development of children, growth monitoring & immunization. Crèche facilities under Palna are provided to all mothers, irrespective of their employment status across the country including State of Rajasthan.

During the 15th Finance Cycle i.e. up to FY 2025-26, a total of 17,000 Anganwadi-cum-Creches (AWCCs) are to be established under the Palna Scheme. Till date, a total of 14,599 AWCCs have been approved by the Ministry across 34 States/UTs, as per proposals received from them. Till date, no proposal has been received from the State of Rajasthan for setting up and operationalization of Anganwadi-cum-Creches(AWCCs) under Palna Scheme.
