

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 1253
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2026

ANGANWADI GYAN KENDRAS

1253. SHRI BAIJAYANT PANDA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has started implementing the transformation of well-performing Anganwadi centres into Anganwadi Gyan Kendras, if so, the details thereof and if not, the timeline of its implementation and locations identified therefor; and
- (b) whether infrastructure upgradation of the centres is under consideration and if so, the details of the new infrastructure to be added along with its estimated budget per Kendra?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) & (b): Under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0), currently there is no component for transformation of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) into Anganwadi Gyan Kendras.

Under Mission Poshan 2.0, two lakh Anganwadi Centres located in Government buildings @ 40,000 AWCs per year (@ Rs. 1 Lakh per AWC) are strengthened as Saksham Anganwadis for delivery of improved nutrition and for Early Childhood Care and Education in the 15th Finance Commission cycle. Saksham Anganwadis are provided with better infrastructure than the conventional Anganwadi centres with LED screens, water filtration system, Poshan Vatika, ECCE material and BALA paintings. As on 31.01.2026, a total of 2 lakh AWCs have been approved for upgradation across the country.
