

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UN-STARRED QUESTION No. 3266
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2015

OBJECTIVES OF ANGANWADI CENTRES

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

- (a) whether the Government has achieved the objectives of Angnawadi centres to provide education, nutritional food and home like shelter to poor children of villages in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the United Nation Children's Fund (UNICEF) has given any advice to the Government in this regards; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

- (a) & (b): The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme was launched in 1975 with the objectives (i) to improve the nutritional and health status of children in the age-group of 0-6 years; (ii) to lay the foundation for proper psychological, physical and social development of the child; (iii) to reduce the incidence of mortality, morbidity, malnutrition and school dropout; (iv) to achieve effective co-ordination of policy and implementation amongst the various departments to promote child development; and (v) to enhance the capability of the mother to look after the normal health and nutritional needs of the child through proper nutrition and health education.

In order to achieve the ICDS objectives, a package of six essential services comprising (i) Supplementary nutrition (SNP); (ii) Immunization; (iii) Health check-up; (iv) Referral services; (v) Pre-school non-formal education; and (vi) Nutrition & health education are provided to the targeted beneficiaries i.e. all children below 6 years, Pregnant and Lactating Mothers. Three of the six services namely, Immunisation, Health Check-up and Referral Services are delivered through Public Health Infrastructure under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

In order to universalise ICDS Scheme, Government has sanctioned 14 lakh Anganwadi Centres to the States/UTs of which 13.47 lakh Anganwadi Centres have become operational as on 30.09.2015. As on 30.09.2015, there are 823.66 lakh children and 191.78 lakh pregnant and lactating mothers receiving supplementary nutrition at Anganwadi Centres. Similarly, 358.79 lakh children (3-6 years) attended AWCs for Pre-school non-formal education. The State wise details on number of sanctioned and operational ICDS projects and Anganwadi Centres, and beneficiaries of Supplementary Nutrition Programme & Pre-School Education are given at **Annex-I**.

- (c) to (d): The United Nation Children's Fund (UNICEF) is providing only technical support to this Ministry. However, a Rapid Survey on Children (RSOC) was commissioned across 29 States during 2013-14 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development through UNICEF India. The key objectives of the survey was to assess the situation of children and women in the country with special emphasis on access and utilization of services under ICDS and to provide baseline data for the Restructured ICDS Scheme. As per the findings of the survey, proportion of moderately underweight children below five years is 29.4% (NFHS-III: 42.5%) and severely underweight is 9.5% (NFHS-III: 15.8%).

Statewise number of Beneficiaries of supplementary nutrition and pre-school education under ICDS Scheme as on September 2015

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of ICDS Projects		No. of Anganwadi Centres		Beneficiaries of Supplementary Nutrition					Beneficiaries of Pre-school Education		
		Sanc-tioned	Opera-tional	Sanc-tioned	Opera-tional	Children (6 months - 3 years)	Children (3 - 6 years)	Total Children (6 months - 6 years)	Pregnant & lactating Mothers (P&LM)	Total Beneficiaries (Children 6 mo-6 years plus P&LM)	Boys (3 - 6 years)	Girls (3 - 6 years)	Total (3 - 6 years)
1	Andhra Pradesh	257	257	55607	55594	1573120	892805	2465925	743190	3209115	440619	444796	885415
2	Telangana	149	149	35700	35353	1047952	643127	1691079	466985	2158064	318419	320719	639138
3	Arunachal Pradesh	98	98	6225	6028	112390	113933	226323	29757	256080	57586	56347	113933
4	Assam	231	231	62153	62153	1612832	1698053	3310885	691237	4002122	909118	892323	1801441
5	Bihar	544	544	115009	91677	4923715	4765861	9689576	1674984	11364560	1127197	1197440	2324637
6	Chhattisgarh	220	220	52474	49941	1183978	871329	2055307	493718	2549025	435857	444376	880233
7	Goa	11	11	1262	1260	36503	17605	54108	16407	70515	8793	8812	17605
8	Gujarat	336	336	53029	52082	1668434	1326741	2995175	735550	3730725	724917	705669	1430586
9	Haryana	148	148	25962	25962	684141	349261	1033402	299049	1332451	178045	171216	349261
10	Himachal Pradesh	78	78	18925	18922	269585	176084	445669	101741	547410	66480	66081	132561
11	Jammu & Kashmir	141	141	31938	29599	176645	118394	295039	92021	387060	153918	146208	300126
12	Jharkhand	224	224	38432	38432	1527266	1313445	2840711	706032	3546743	581694	665856	1247550
13	Karnataka	204	204	65911	64558	2284379	1712907	3997286	993802	4991088	879832	880421	1760253
14	Kerala	258	258	33318	33115	386818	345325	732143	148944	881087	173792	171533	345325
15	Madhya Pradesh	453	453	97135	92197	3376038	2973043	6349081	1424165	7773246	1528234	1517535	3045769
16	Maharashtra	553	553	110486	108010	3078461	2904788	5983249	1126895	7110144	1477794	1344708	2822502
17	Manipur	43	42	11510	9883	175636	179540	355176	75010	430186	90343	89179	179522
18	Meghalaya	41	41	5896	5863	222086	242597	464683	82197	546880	100163	98197	198360
19	Mizoram	27	27	2244	2244	45390	32584	77974	20313	98287	463921	470986	934907
20	Nagaland	60	59	3980	3455	145506	146751	292257	60629	352886	73594	71789	145383

21	Orissa	338	338	74154	71204	1980036	1892741	3872777	793324	4666101	772710	763028	1535738
22	Punjab	155	154	27314	26656	568579	356982	925561	259934	1185495	181919	175063	356982
23	Rajasthan	304	304	62010	60801	1786552	985403	2771955	879428	3651383	526856	524097	1050953
24	Sikkim	13	13	1308	1290	14770	11363	26133	4798	30931	5765	5598	11363
25	Tamil Nadu	434	434	54439	54439	1740491	677130	2417621	647044	3064665	560466	542931	1103397
26	Tripura	56	56	10145	9911	146912	152204	299116	77264	376380	80172	72032	152204
27	Uttar Pradesh	897	897	190145	187997	11019917	7425419	18445336	4853101	23298437	4294044	3956787	8250831
28	Uttrakhand	105	105	20067	19479	470396	202883	673279	173946	847225	105049	107113	212162
29	West Bengal	576	576	119481	116390	3377065	3272337	6649402	1329199	7978601	1661093	1611596	3272689
30	A & N Islands	5	5	720	714	8400	3200	11600	3094	14694	1617	1583	3200
31	Chandigarh	3	3	500	500	25575	28986	54561	8724	63285	14710	13954	28664
32	Delhi	95	95	11150	10897	478535	330398	808933	151144	960077	170080	160318	330398
33	Dadra & N Haveli	2	2	302	282	8944	8600	17544	3038	20582	4311	4289	8600
34	Daman & Diu	2	2	107	107	3665	2643	6308	1103	7411	1241	1402	2643
35	Lakshadweep	9	9	107	107	2361	2291	4652	1666	6318	1140	1152	2292
36	Puducherry	5	5	855	788	24039	2994	27033	9181	36214	1562	1432	2994
	All India	7075	7072	1400000	1347890	46187112	36179747	82366859	19178614	101545473	18173051	17706566	35879617

**Annex
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* Based on State level consolidated report sent by State Government and information sent in templates by State Governments/ UT Administration.