

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1096
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.04.2016

CRITERIA FOR OPENING OF ANGANWADI CENTRES

1096 SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA, SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE

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

- (a) the criteria adopted by the Government for opening of anganwadi centres under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up upcoming anganwadi centres under the ICDS Scheme on the basis of distance instead of population; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, an Anganwadi Centre (AWC) can be opened on the basis of population norms as per following details:-

For Rural/Urban Projects

Population	400-800	-	1 AWC
	800-1600	-	2 AWCs
	1600-2400	-	3 AWCs
Thereafter in multiples of 800		-	1 AWC

For Mini-AWC

Population	150-400	-	1 Mini-AWC
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For Tribal /Riverine/Desert, Hilly and other difficult areas/ Projects

Population	300-800	-	1 AWC
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For Mini-AWC

Population	150-300	-	1 Mini-AWC
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There is also a provision for opening of an AWC on demand in habitations where child population is not less than 40 having no AWC.

Based on population norms, States/UTs submit their proposals for opening of new Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) which are assessed and sanctioned by this Ministry.

Under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, 14 lakh AWCs have been approved. All the approved AWCs have been sanctioned to the States/UTs.

(b)&(c) No Madam.
