

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3396
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2026

HONORARIUM OF AWWs AND AWHs

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to revise the honorarium of Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) under the Anganwadi Services Scheme and if so, the details and timeline thereof;
- (b) the State-wise details of additional honorarium paid by State Governments over and above the Central share, with special reference to Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) whether the Government has reviewed the Centre–State cost-sharing pattern for payment of honorarium and incentives and if so, whether any proposal to enhance the Central share is under consideration;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to enhance gratuity, retirement benefits, insurance and other welfare measures for AWWs and AWHs and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to ensure timely payment of honorarium and incentives to AWWs and AWHs in Andhra Pradesh?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (e) Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) are honorary workers drawn from the local community, who voluntarily come forward to render their services in the area of child care and development to help the local community, for which they are paid honorarium. This honorarium is increased from time to time. From 1st October, 2018, Government of India has enhanced the honorarium of AWWs at Anganwadi centres (AWCs) from Rs.3,000/- to Rs.4,500/- per month and AWHs from Rs.1,500/- to Rs.2,250/- per month as per the defined cost sharing ratio between the Centre and States and UTs. In addition, States and UTs are also paying additional monetary incentives and top ups to these functionaries from their own resources which vary from State to State. Details of additional top ups provided by States and UTs are at **Annexure**.

Besides, performance linked incentive of Rs.500/- per month is provided to AWWs and Rs.250/- per month to AWHs.

Under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, AWWs have been technologically empowered with the provision of smartphones for efficient monitoring and delivery of services. Poshan Tracker which is a mobile phone application that has digitized physical registers used by Anganwadi workers. This improves the quality of their work while simultaneously enabling them for real-time monitoring of all activities going on in the Anganwadis.

To incentivize and encourage the AWWs and AWHs, various initiatives have been undertaken including the following:

(i) Promotion: Under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, promotional opportunities for AWWs and AWHs have been enhanced. 50% posts of AWWs are to be filled by AWHs with 5 years of experience and 50% posts of Supervisors are to be filled by promotion of AWWs with 5 years of experience subject to fulfilment of other criteria.

(ii) Leave: 20 days' annual leave and paid maternity absence of 180 days and paid absence on abortion/ miscarriage once for 45 days.

(iii) State Governments and UT Administrations have been requested to encourage eligible AWWs and AWHs to get themselves enrolled under the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mandhan (PM-SYM) Pension Scheme, which is a voluntary and contributory pension scheme for the unorganized sector in the country to ensure old age protection.

(iv) Social Security Insurance Schemes: Insurance benefits have been provided to AWWs and AWHs under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) for life cover worth Rs.2.00 lakh (covers life risk, death due to any reason) in the age group of 18 to 50 years and under Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana for accidental cover of Rs.2.00 Lakh (accidental death and permanent full disability) /Rs.1.00 Lakh (partial but permanent disability) in the age group of 18-59 years.

(v) Retirement date: States and UTs have been requested to adopt a uniform retirement date i.e 30th April of each year with respect to AWWs and AWHs to ensure proper human resource planning.

(vi) Annual Healthcare coverage of Rs. 5 Lakhs under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) to all AWWs and AWHs in pursuance to budget announcement in FY 2024-25.

Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 is a Centrally Sponsored scheme. The Central Government is responsible for policy and planning and the State Governments/UT Administrations are responsible for day-to-day program implementation of the scheme.

To improve transparency and accountability, Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 has been onboarded on SNA SPARSH which works on 'just in time' method. Also, sustained engagement/ video conferences are held with all States and UTs regularly to monitor the utilization of funds under various components including honorarium and incentives.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3396 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2026 REGARDING “HONORARIUM OF AWWs AND AWHs”

Details of additional top ups as provided by States and UTs:

(In Rs.)

S. No	State/UT	Additional Top-ups paid to AWW	Additional Top-ups paid to AWH
1	Andaman & Nicobar	7,500	5,750
2	Andhra Pradesh	7,000	4,750
3	Arunachal Pradesh	3,000	3,000
4	Assam	3,500	1,750
5	Bihar	4,500	2,250
6	Chandigarh	3,600	1,800
7	Chhattisgarh	5,500	2,750
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	3,500	1,750
9	Delhi	6,720	3,360
10	Goa	15,000 - 23,000	8,500 - 11,500
11	Gujarat	5,500	3,250
12	Haryana	10,250	5,650
13	Himachal Pradesh	6,000	3,550
14	Jammu & Kashmir	600	300
15	Jharkhand	7,000	3,500
16	Karnataka	8,000	5,250
17	Kerala	8,300	6,800
18	Ladakh	1,300	650
19	Lakshadweep	5,500	4,750
20	Madhya Pradesh	8,500	4,250
21	Maharashtra	8,500	5,250
22	Manipur	1,000	600
23	Meghalaya	3,000	1,000
24	Mizoram	950	725
25	Nagaland	NIL	NIL
26	Odisha	5,500	2,750
27	Puducherry	1,950	2,125
28	Punjab	5,000	2,850
29	Rajasthan	6,061	4,041
30	Sikkim	7,000	4,500
31	Tamil Nadu	9,780	6,270
32	Telangana	9,150	5,550

33	Tripura	5,946-3,500	4,218-2,750
34	Uttar Pradesh	1,500	750
35	Uttarakhand	4,800	3,000
36	West Bengal	4,500	4,550
