

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3067
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2024

ANGANWADI CENTERS IN UTTAR PRADESH

3067 MRS RUCHI VIRA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal for opening new Anganwadi centres under ICDS scheme in the State of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise particularly in Moradabad and Bijnor districts;
- (c) the number of the new Anganwadi centres established in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years and the current year, specially in Moradabad and Bijnor districts, year-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has taken a note of the demand from Anganwadi workers for an increase in their remuneration since a long time;
- (e) if so, the details and the current status thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase said remuneration in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (c) Under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, a total of 190145 Anganwadi centres have been sanctioned to the State of Uttar Pradesh out of which 189021 Anganwadi centres are operational. State/ UTs have also been advised time and again to consider relocating the Anganwadi centres within the sanctioned strength to ensure better delivery of services to end beneficiaries.

(d) to (f) Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) are “honorary workers” from the local community who voluntarily come forward to render their services in the area of child care and development to help the community for which they are paid honorarium. Government of India increased the honorarium of AWWs/AWHs from 1st October, 2018. At present, the honorarium of AWWs at main Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) is Rs.4,500/- per month; AWW at mini- AWCs is Rs.3,500/- per month and AWH is Rs.2,250/- per month. Besides, performance linked incentive of Rs.250/- per month is provided to AWHs and Rs.500/- provided to AWWs.

In addition, States/UTs are also paying additional monetary incentives/honorarium to these functionaries from their own resources which vary from State to State.

With a view to incentivize and encourage the Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers, various steps/initiatives have been undertaken including the following:

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

(ii) Social Security Insurance Schemes: Insurance benefits have been provided under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) for life cover worth Rs.2.00 lakh (covers life risk, death due to any reason) to AWWs/AWHs 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.

(iii) Insurance cover under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package: Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers who have been engaged with the Covid-19 related tasks, have been provided with insurance cover of Rs.50 lakh under "Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package" with certain conditions.

(iv) Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan (PM-SYM): State Governments/UT Administrations have been requested to encourage eligible AWWs/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 sectors in the country to ensure old age protection.

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

(vi) It has been announced in the interim budget FY 2024-25 to extend healthcare annual coverage of Rs. 5 Lakhs under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) to all Anganwadi workers and helpers.
