

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3218
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CLOSURE OF ANGANWADI CENTRES
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to close the Anganwadi Training Centres in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, whether the closure of these training centres is likely to adversely affect the scheme;
- (c) whether the Government propose to consider to use these training centres for giving advice/training in nutrition to young couples; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA)

(a) & (b): All Anganwadi Training Centres (AWTCs) are temporary in nature and are required to be continued on a year-to-year basis depending upon the training needs and requirements of the States. The State Government is required to utilize the training capacity of each AWTC to the optimal level and after analyzing the requirement of AWTCs, State can close down AWTCs after giving them reasonable notice period. The Government of India does not issue instructions for closure of AWTCs.

(c) & (d): Under the World Bank assisted ICDS Training Programme - Project Udisha, ICDS functionaries are required to be trained so as to provide improved services on nutrition and health to children below six years of age and pregnant and lactating mothers.