

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:10

ANSWERED ON:01.03.2005

ANGANWADI KENDRAS

Choudhary Smt. Anuradha;Shiwankar Shri Maha Deo Rao

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

- (a) whether the Union Government is contemplating to revise its Anganwadi Scheme as reported in the Dainik Jagaran dated January 23,2005;
- (b) if so, the details and reasons therefore alongwith the places where these Kendras are proposed to be set up;
- (c) the time by which these Kendras are likely to be set up;
- (d) the funds earmarked and spent on this scheme so far by the Government;
- (e) the additional expenditure likely to be incurred by the Government on expansion of the above scheme and the number of people likely to be benefited thereby;
- (f) the number of Anganwadi Kendras being run in the country and the number of children enrolled with these Kendras at present;
- (g) whether the existing Anganwadi Scheme meant for children is going on properly; and
- (h) if not, the steps being taken by the Government to ensure the smooth functioning of these Kendras?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f),(g)&(h) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 10 FOR 1.3.2005 REGARDING ANGANWADI KENDRAS BY PROF. MAHADEORAO SHIWANKAR AND SHRIMATI ANURADHA CHOUDHARY.

(a),(b)&(c) As envisaged in the National Common Minimum Programme, Government is committed to expand the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme. A proposal to sanction, in the first phase, 467 additional Projects and 1,88,168 Anganwadi Centers, is under process. Location of these Anganwadi Centres would be decided by the State Governments/UT Administrations as per guidelines issued by the Government of India.

(d) Funds released to the States/UTs for implementation of the Scheme during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 are as under:

Year	Funds released (Rs. in Crore)
2002-03	1942.87
2003-04	1921.44
2004-05	1980.84 (upto 24.2.2005)

(e) It is estimated that the expansion of the Scheme to additional 467 Projects and 1,88,168 Anganwadi Centres would involve additional expenditure of about Rs.467.00 crore per annum.

(f) Of the total 754703 sanctioned Anganwadi Centres, 698167 Centres have become operational as on 31.12.2004. 1.88 crore children below 3 years and 1.90 Crore children in the age group 3-6 years, besides 75.65 lakh expectant women & lactating mothers, are the beneficiaries of the Scheme as on 30.11.2004.

(g)&(h) Yes, Sir. However, improvement is a continuous process. It has been the constant endeavour of the Government to make the delivery of services under the Scheme more effective. The steps taken in this direction, in the recent past, include, doubling of

honoraria of Anganwadi Workers and Helpers; introduction of 'Anganwadi Karyakartri Bima Yojana'; a scheme of Awards for exemplary work done by Anganwadi Workers; better co-ordination at State, District, Block and Village level between ICDS, Health and Elementary Education functionaries; emphasis on regular supply of supplementary nutrition in Anganwadi Centres etc.