

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ANGANWADI CENTRES IN NORTH EASTERN REGIONS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) : the number of Anganwadi Centres running in North-Eastern region of the country including Assam;
- (b) : whether the Government proposes to open additional Anganwadi Centres in the North Eastern region;
- (c) : if so, the details thereof along with the funds earmarked for the region, State-wise; and
- (d) : the time by which these Anganwadi Centres are likely to be opened?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) to (d) : As on 31.3.2010, there are 87115 operational Anganwadi Centres (AWCs)/ mini-AWCs, out of 101549 sanctioned AWCs/ mini-AWCs, in North Eastern region of the country including Assam, leaving 14434 AWCs/ mini-AWCs which are yet to be operationalised. This includes 2655 AWCs/mini-AWCs sanctioned on 31.3.2010 in Arunachal Pradesh (197 AWCs) and in Assam (2458 mini-AWCs). The operationalisation of AWCs/mini-AWCs take about one year from the date of sanction by Government of India. The States have, however, been requested to operationalise all the remaining AWCs/ mini-AWCs. There is no further proposal from States to open additional Anganwadi Centres in the North Eastern region.

The releases to the States are made depending upon the cost sharing norms & pace of expenditure by the States. For North Eastern region, there is a overall budget provision of Rs.893.28 crore during 2010-11 under ICDS scheme. Funds are not earmarked for AWCs/mini-AWCs, State-wise.