

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has instructed the State Governments including Kerala to conduct surveys of the Scheduled Castes (SCs)/ Scheduled Tribes (STs) hamlets and urban slum to estimate required number of Anganwadi Centres;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the Anganwadi Centres are likely to be opened in these SCs/STs hamlets and urban slums;
- (d) whether some Anganwadi Centres are running in abysmal condition in the country including Punjab;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reactions of the Government thereto; and
- (f) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Government of India in 2007, requested the States/UTs including the State of Kerala, to undertake a micro level survey of predominantly SC/ST/Minority habitations in the context of revised population norms and furnish requirement of additional Projects, Anganwadi Centres [AWCs] and Mini-Anganwadi Centres [Mini-AWCs], for the third phase of expansion of the ICDS Scheme.

Based on the requirements received from the States/ UTs, Government approved a cumulative of 7076 Projects and 14 lakh AWCs/Mini-AWCs [including 20,000 Anganwadi on Demand]. Of these, a total of 7012 Projects and 13.67 lakh AWCs/Mini- AWCs have been sanctioned as on 31.05.2010, including 258 Projects, 33115 AWCs/Mini-AWCs for the State of Kerala.

Presently, 6560 Projects are operational and 11.83 lakh AWCs/Mini-AWCs are operational in the country. This includes 163 operational Projects and 32232 operational AWCs/Mini-AWCs in the State of Kerala.

The State Governments/UT Administrations have been impressed upon to operationalise all the Projects and AWCs/Mini-AWCs.

(d) to (f): as per the information received from the States/UTs, 80.13% AWCs are running from pucca buildings, including 37.47% rented pucca buildings. In Punjab, all AWCs are functioning from pucca building, including, 5.98% rented buildings. Of these, 78.59% AWCs have drinking water facility and 43.45% have toilet facility.

ICDS is a community based outreach programme and accommodation for Anganwadis has to be provided by the local community. At present, there is no provision made for construction of Anganwadi building except in North East States. States/UTs have been requested to construct AWCs by using funds available under schemes of various Ministries such as Total Sanitation Campaign of the Department of Drinking Water Supply, Backward Region Grant Fund of Ministry of Panchyati Raj, Multi Sectoral Development Programme of Ministry of Minority Affairs, NREGA and RIDF etc.

To improve the infrastructure, Government has also issued advisory to the States/UTs for undertaking besides reviews and periodic field visits and for taking follow up corrective measures.