

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

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MINIMUM WAGES TO ANGAWADI WORKERS

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

- (a) whether the honorarium being paid to Anganwadi workers and helpers is less than the minimum wages fixed by the Union Government and the State Governments;
- (b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regards;
- (c) whether the Government has proposed to increase the additional honorarium to Anganwadi Workers handling the extra charge of another Anganwadi Centres;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the government has appointed any commission/committee to look into the welfare measures of Anganwadi workers and helpers; and

Answer

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

(a) and (b) The Integrated Child Development Services envisages the Anganwadi workers (AWWs) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) as 'Honorary Workers' selected from the Local Community. However, in order to give recognition to their voluntary efforts, they are paid a monthly honorarium being paid to Anganwadi Workers of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs), out of grant-in-aid released by the Government of India ranges from Rs. 1438/- to Rs. 1563/- per month, depending upon their qualification and experience, whereas Anganwadi Helpers of Anganwadi Centres and Anganwadi Workers engaged in Mini Anganwadi Centres are paid an honorarium of Rs. 750/- per month. Besides this, additional Honorarium is also being paid by many State Governments, for the work other than ICDS, out of their own resources.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) Does not arise.

(e)&(f) A Review Committee was constituted by the Government in 2006, under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development to examine the current levels of Honorarium of Anganwadi Workers, Anganwadi Helpers and Anganwadi Workers of Mini-Anganwadi centres was enhanced w.e.f. 1.4.2008.