

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

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ANGANWADI CENTRES IN THE TRIBAL SUB PLAN (TSP) AREAS

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

- (a) the number of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) being run in the tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) areas in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries therefrom, State-wise;
- (c) the funds sanctioned, released and utilized by the state Government during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the government proposes to set up more AWCs under the TSP area; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e) : Government has sanctioned 13.67 lakh Anganwadi centers in the country. Of these, 1.95 lakh AWCs/Mini-AWCs (1.75 lakh AWCs and 0.20 lakh Mini-AWCs) are in tribal areas. As per the information available as on 31st March, 2010, the total number of ST beneficiaries is approximately 108 lakh in the country. State-wise details are given at Annex-I. A Statement showing funds released and utilized by States/UTs during the last three years and the current year is at Annex-II. Government of India approved in October 2008 the III rd Phase of expansion so as to cover all habitations including SC/ST/Minority habitations across the country. Many States are yet to operationalize the same. As regards setting up of more AWCs, the State Governments are required to first verify at ground level as per population norms to ensure universal territorial coverage.