

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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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) the number of Anganwadi workers and helpers in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether a large number of Anganwadi Centres lack basic infrastructure facilities;
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to strengthen the network of Anganwadi Centres in the country;
- (d) Whether the Government has formulated any scheme for providing social security to Anganwadi workers and helpers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) A Statement indicating Statewise number of Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and helpers under the ICDS Scheme is annexed.
- (b)&(c) The National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) conducted a study titled `Rapid Facility Survey of Infrastructure at Anganwadi Centres` in 2004. The report was submitted by NCAER in February, 2005. The survey covered a total of 2,87,684 AWCs in the country. According to the survey, 46% AWCs were running from pucca building, 21% AWCs from Semi-pucca buildings; 15% from kutcha buildings; 9% in open space and 6% from other places; about 9% were running from the house of AWWs and 6.9% from Helpers`s house. It was also found that 46% of AWCs did not have toilet facilities and 27% lacked drinking water facilities.
- The Ministry had requested the States/UTs to look into the facts brought out in the report and take necessary steps to improve the facilities at the AWCs. ICDS Scheme envisages convergences with other Ministries/Departments like Panchayati Raj, Drinking Water Supply, Minority Affairs etc. for construction of Anganwadi Centres, Provision of toilets, drinking water etc.
- (d) Yes, Sir.
- (e) The Anganwadi Karyakartri Bima Yojana under LIC`s Social Security Scheme was introduced by the Government w.e.f. 1.4.2004 for Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers of the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme. At present, all the AWWs/Helpers are covered under the Anganwadi Karyakartri Bima Yojana.

Under the Scheme, AWWs/Helpers are covered under natural death; total/partial permanent disability and female critical illness i.e. diagnosis of invasive cancers (malignant tumour) manifest in the organs like Breast, Cervix Uteri, Corpus Uteri, Ovaries, Fallopian Tubes and vagina/vulva.

Besides this, the policy provides scholarship of Rs.300A per quarter for students of 9th to 12th standard (including ITI courses) up to two children per family of Anganwadi Worker/Helper.