

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2373  
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ANGANWADI CENTRES  
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**Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) in the country which have pucca buildings;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to provide pucca buildings to all AWCs keeping in view their importance in rural regions;
- (c) if so, the number of AWCs provided pucca buildings during each of the last three years, State-wise; and
- (d) the time by which, all the AWCs are likely to be provided pucca buildings?

**Answer**

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

(a): Government has information available for 11.98 lakh Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) buildings of which about 10 lakh Anganwadi Centres, including those 2.64 lakh AWCs in rented buildings, have pucca buildings as on 30.06.2012.

(b) to (d): ICDS Scheme did not have provision for construction of AWC buildings under the scheme as this was envisaged to be provided by the community except for the North Eastern States for which financial support was being provided for construction of AWC buildings since 2001-02 at a unit cost of Rs.1.75 lakh. So far 68504 AWC buildings have been cumulatively sanctioned for north eastern States of which as per information available 54232 AWC buildings have been constructed. State-wise cumulatively approved and constructed AWC buildings for the NER are as under:

S. No.	State	Total no. of AWCs buildings Approved for construction	No. of AWC buildings constructed
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1	Arunachal Pradesh	6225	4613
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2	Assam	39748	34748
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3	Manipur	3524	2955
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4	Meghalaya	2985	1892
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5	Mizoram	1980	1688
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6	Nagaland	3455	3455
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7	Sikkim	709	451
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8	Tripura	9878	4430
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Total		68504	54232
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Further, as part of Strengthening and Restructuring of ICDS Scheme, Government has approved a provision for construction of 2 lakh Anganwadi Centre buildings during XII Plan period in a phased manner with cost sharing ratio of 75: 25 between Centre and State other than the NER, where it will be at 90: 10.

In addition, States/ UTs have also been requested to leverage funds under various schemes like MPLADs, MLALADs, BRGF, PRI, RIDF, MSDP, IAP, MGNREGA, 13th Finance Commission, ACA, State Plan and other area development project for construction of AWC Buildings. With these efforts substantial proportion of AWCs would have buildings.