

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

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WORK POSTS FOR AWCS  
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**Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there are vacancies in the sanctioned work-posts for Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the steps being taken to recruit additional staff in States where the number of operational work-posts is lower than the sanctioned posts;
- (d) whether there is a proposal to increase funding to States where AWCs are significantly understaffed;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the time by which the required staff is likely to be recruited in these AWCs ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme implemented by States/UTs Administrations. The scheme provides for one Anganwadi worker and one Anganwadi Helper in each operational Anganwadi centre and one worker in the mini-anganwadi centre. There are 54985 vacant positions of Anganwadi workers and 80930 vacant positions of Anganwadi Helpers in the country as per available reports on 31.10.2012 from States/UTs.

A Statement indicating details of State-wise number of vacant honorary posts of Anganwadi Workers and helpers in the country, as on 31.10.2012, is given at Annex-I.

(c) to (f): Government is continuously monitoring the implementation of ICDS Scheme including vacancy position at Anganwadi Centre level through prescribed monthly reports; reviews as well as supervision visits etc. The funds under ICDS scheme are released to the States/UTs in four or more installments in a financial year which inter alia includes expenditure involved in operationalising new Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) and appointment of Anganwadi workers and Helpers thereto. Based on the analysis of utilization of funds, state Governments/ UT Administrations are addressed through letters and review meetings to remove the deficiencies and to fill up the vacancy position at all levels including Anganwadi Centre level and to operationalise pending Anganwadi centres.

In addition, the Government has recently approved the proposal for strengthening and restructuring the ICDS Scheme under which decentralized planning and management including Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) is introduced alongwith other reforms through which States/ UTs would be facilitated to improve the implementation of the scheme.