

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

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BASIC FACILITIES IN AWCs
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides basic facilities such as medicines, utensils, furniture and other material to every Anganwadi Centre in the country (AWC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds sanctioned, released and utilized by the States for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh;
- (d) whether the funds provided for these purposes are insufficient;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto: and
- (f) if not, the time by which the sufficient funds are likely to be provided by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): ICDS is a Centrally sponsored scheme implemented by States/UTs. Funds are provided under the scheme for meeting the expenditure on running Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) under ICDS (Gen.) which inter-alia includes Pre School Education Kits, Medicine Kits and other programme components on recurring basis. For provision of utensils and furniture (including weighing scale) etc. one time grant @Rs.5000/- per AWC is provided which has now been increased to @Rs.7000/- per AWC and Rs.5000/- per Mini AWC (excluding weighing scale) w.e.f. 22-10-2012 (in every five years).
- (c): A statement indicating funds released to States/UTs and expenditure reported by them including their share in respect of ICDS (General) including Chhattisgarh during last three years and current year is Annexed.
- (d) to (f): No Madam, the funds allocated for the scheme for providing the above facilities are sufficient. As against allocation of Rs 44,400 crore during the 11th Five Year Plan, the Government has allocated Rs.1,23,580 crore for ICDS during the 12th Five Year Plan. Any additional requirement of funds can be met through Supplementary demands for grant and savings.