

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

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VACANCIES IN AWCS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is acute shortage of Anganwadi Supervisors/ Workers/ Helpers in the Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, as on date, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : There were 34,902 Anganwadi Supervisors, 12,76,769 Anganwadi Workers and 11,62,832 Anganwadi Helpers in position in 13.40 lakh operational Anganwadi Centres in the country as per reports on 30.09.2013. State-wise details of the sanctioned and in-position posts are at Annex-I.

As per Schematic norms of the ICDS Scheme, Government of India is responsible for the Planning & Policy issues whereas State Governments are responsible for the implementation of the Scheme. The reasons for shortage of Anganwadi Supervisors, Workers and Helpers across the country are largely due to administrative, procedural and legal delays in filling-up of vacant posts by the State Governments/ UT Administrations.

Ministry of WCD has repeatedly impressed upon the State Governments/ UT Administrations to take all required measures for early operationalisation of sanctioned AWCs/ mini-AWCs including filling-up vacant positions.