

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the number of women in cities and rural unorganized sector who are enjoying crèche facility as on date;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to convert anganwadi centres into 'day care centres cum creches'; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) The crèche facility is available under Rajiv Gandhi National Crèche Scheme for Children of Working Mothers for both organized and un-organized sectors. At present there are 23,555 functional creches, 16393 creches for rural/tribal areas and 7162 creches for urban areas, each crèche can accommodate upto 25 babies.

(b) & (c): Under the strengthened and restructured ICDS, approved by the Government of India, 5% of the existing Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) are to be converted into AWC-cum-Crèche. Thus, a total of 70,000 AWCs will be converted into AWC-cum-Crèche during XII Plan. During 2013-14, 12653 AWCs have been approved for conversion into AWC-cum-Crèche. States/UTs will have the flexibility in choosing such AWCs.