

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

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OPENING OF ANGANWADI CENTRES
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open AnganwadiCentres under the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme on the basis of distance in place of population across the country including Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be done; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

- (a) to (c): Under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, an Anganwadi Centre (AWC) can be opened on the basis of
- (i) population norms, i.e., entire population of the area/habitation, including children; and
 - (ii) where child population is not less than 40 having no AWC. There is no other criteria for opening of an AWC.