

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

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Integrated Child Development Scheme
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to discontinue the centrally funded Integrated Child Development Schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of women likely to lose their jobs in the country due to winding up the said scheme;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to launch any effective scheme for the welfare of educated-trained Anganwadi women workers in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) No, Madam.

(b) to (d): Does not arise.

(e) & (f): The Integrated Child Development Service (ICDS) Scheme is continuing as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme being implemented by the State Governments/UT Administrations.

For the welfare of Anganwadi Workers/Helpers, a number of welfare measures have been taken which are as under:

? Leave: They have been allowed paid absence of 180 days of maternity leave.

? Insurance cover: The Govt. of India introduced 'Anganwadi Karyakartri Bima Yojana' to Anganwadi Workers/Anganwadi Helpers w.e.f.1.4.2004 under Life Insurance Corporation's Social Security Scheme. The amount of premium of Rs. 80/- payable by AWWs and AWHs has also been waived of upto 31.3.2017.

Under this Bima Yojana, scholarship @ Rs.300/- per quarter is available upto two children of the workers. This Scholarship is for students of 9th to 12th standard (including IIT Courses).

? Award: In order to motivate the Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and to give recognition for good voluntary work, a Scheme of Award for AWWs has been introduced, both at the National and State level. The Award comprises Rs.25,000/- cash and a Citation at Central level and Rs.5000/- cash and a Citation at State level.

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? Uniform: A set of two Uniform (saree/suit @ Rs.300/- per saree per annum) and a name badge is provided to Anganwadi Workers and Helpers.
