

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the new projects and new Anganwadi Centres running as per the demand of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme in the country, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan; and

(b) the benefits of the said projects and centres to their beneficiaries in the country ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per schematic norms of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, Anganwadi Centres (AWCs)/ mini-AWCs provide a package of six services namely (i) supplementary nutrition, (ii) non-formal pre-school education (iii) nutrition and health education, (iv) immunization, (v) health check-up and (vi) referral services of which three later services are provided in convergence with public health systems of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

There are 7067 operational Projects out of 7075 cumulatively sanctioned Projects, since inception of the scheme in 1975, under the ICDS Scheme in the country as on 31.12.2014. Similarly, there are 13.42 lakh operational AWCs out of 14 lakhs cumulatively sanctioned AWCs in the country as on 31.12.2014. State/UT-wise, including Rajasthan, details are given at Annex-I.

There are 10.41 crore beneficiaries comprising 8.43 crore children (in age group 6 months to 6 years) and 1.98 crore pregnant women & lactating mothers who received supplementary nutrition at these projects and AWCs as on 31.12.2014. Further, 3.50 crore children (in age group 3-6 years) attended pre-school education at these projects and AWCs as on 31.12.2014.