

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 470
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2021

AWCS IN ANDHRA PRADESH AND TAMIL NADU

470 SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY:
SHRI M. SHANMUGAM:

Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) sanctioned in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu during the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the details of AWCs which are operational in these States, year-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that many AWCs have stopped functioning due to manpower shortage, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that the remuneration paid to AWCs and assistance is very less and needs to be revised at regular intervals; and
- (e) if so, whether Government proposes to do the same?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) It is submitted that no new Anganwadi Centres have been sanctioned to States of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu during the last five years. Total number of 55607 AWCs were sanctioned to the State of Andhra Pradesh and 54439 AWCs were sanctioned to the State of Tamil Nadu.

(b) Year-wise details of operational AWCs during the last five years (and the current year) in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu is as follows:

Operational AWCs in Andhra Pradesh*		Operational AWCs in Tamil Nadu	
31.03.2016	55599	31.03.2016	54439
31.03.2017	55605	31.03.2017	54439
31.03.2018	55606	31.03.2018	54439
31.03.2019	55607	31.03.2019	54439
31.03.2020	55607	31.03.2020	54439
30.06.2021	55607	31.03.2021	54439

(*It is to be noted that against the sanctioned number of 55607 AWCs, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh could operationalize the AWCs to full sanctioned strength w.e.f. 31.03.2019)

(c) There has been no such incident that has been reported by States/UTs regarding closure of AWCs due to manpower shortage.

(d) & (e) Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs), are being adequately remunerated and there is no proposal to revise it. AWWs/AWHs being honorary workers, are paid monthly honoraria as decided by the Government from time to time. With effect from 01.10.2018, Government of India has enhanced the honorarium of AWWs at main AWCs from ₹ 3,000/- to ₹ 4,500/- per month; AWWs at mini-AWCs from ₹ 2,250/- to ₹ 3,500/- per month; AWHs from ₹ 1,500/- to ₹ 2,250/- per month; and introduced performance linked incentive of ₹ 250/- per month to AWHs effective from 1st October, 2018. Further, modified guidelines have been issued for performance linked incentive of Rs.500/- to AWWs w.e.f. 1st April, 2021 under POSHAN Abhiyaan.

In addition, States/UTs are also paying monetary incentives/honorarium to these workers out of their own resources.
