

Anganwadi workers

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

- (a) the total number of Anganwadi worker in the country;
- (b) the structure of allowance being received by them;
- (c) the nature of work they have to execute; and
- (d) the details of the infrastructural facilities available for their work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH) : (a) to (d) As per information available from the State/UTs, there are 10,03,319 anganwadi workers in-position, as on 30.09.2009, in the country.

The Anganwadi workers (AWWs) are the uHonorary Workersu selected from the Local Community. In recognition of their voluntary efforts, they are paid a monthly honorarium, ranging from Rs. 1438/- to Rs. 1563/- per month, depending upon their qualification and experience. Anganwadi Workers engaged in Mini Anganwadi Centres are paid an honorarium of Rs. 750/- per month. Some of the States/UTs provide additional honoraria/incentives.

The role and responsibilities of AWWs envisaged under ICDS Scheme, *inter-alia*, includes weighing each child every month and record the weight graphically on the growth card, organize non-formal pre-school activities for children in the age group 3-6 years, provide supplementary nutrition feeding to children (6 months to 6 years) and pregnant & lactating mothers, to assist ANM in administration of IFA and Vitamin A, by keeping stock of the medicine, to support in organizing Pulse Polio Immunization drives and maintain records & registers as prescribed. Details of the role and responsibilities of AWWs is available at Ministryus website www.wcd.nic.in/icdsimg/RolerresponseAWWs.pdf.

Under the schematic norms of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, the infrastructure facilities like weighing scales (both baby & adult), medicine kit, pre-school kit, records and registers, outdoor/indoor play equipments/material must be made available at the anganwadi centers. Besides, other items such as mats/durries, kitchen equipments, bathroom equipments and items of general use have been left to be provided by the State Government/UT Administration depending on the local requirements and specific needs.

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*59. SHRI RANJITSINH VIJAYSINH MOHITE-PATIL : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :