

**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS****Construction of Anganwadi Centres under CSR**

\*301. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that most of the Anganwadi Centres in the country do not have their own buildings, toilets, etc.;
- (b) if so, whether Government propose to encourage building of such Centres under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR); and
- (c) how much work has been done under CSR in respect of providing nutrition and helping the Anganwadi Centres in the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI): (a) Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented by the States /UTs. There are 7076 ICDS Projects and 14 lakh approved AWCs/Mini-AWCs which have been allocated to various States /UTs. Out of these, 7073 projects are operational and about 13.50 lakh AWCs are functional as on 30.09.2016.

Infrastructure status is available for 12.46 lakh AWCs, out of which 3.84 lakh AWCs are running from Government owned buildings, 4.15 lakh AWCs from rented buildings, 2.63 lakh AWCs from School premises, 0.63 lakh AWCs from Panchayat buildings, 1.11 lakh from other places and remaining 0.10 lakh AWCs from open spaces. 7.14 lakh AWCs have toilet facilities and 9.38 lakh AWCs have drinking water facilities.

(b) Government encourages participation of the voluntary organizations and corporate sector under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in the implementation of the ICDS Scheme.

(c) In order to improve the functioning of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs), this Ministry has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with M/s Vedanta under which they are to construct 4,000 Anganwadi Centre buildings from their own resources in most backward districts of 11 States.

In Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh construction has started. As per monthly progress report submitted by M/s. Vedanta, 5 AWC buildings in Madhya Pradesh, 34 AWC buildings in Uttar Pradesh are under construction and 50 AWC buildings in Banner, Rajasthan and 6 AWC buildings in Uttar Pradesh have been completed.

Under the joint guidelines signed by the Secretaries of Ministry of Rural Development,

Panchayati Raj and Women & Child Development, 4 lakh AWC buildings are to be constructed under the ICDS Programme by 2019.

**Projects financed by NEDFi**

\*302. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) the main objectives of the North-Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi);
- (b) the total number of projects financed by NEDFi since 2013, State-wise;
- (c) the total amount of loan financed by NEDFi from 2013 to 2016; and
- (d) the names of sectors under these projects financed by NEDFi, project and sector-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) The main objectives of the North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi) are:

- (i) to provide credit and other facilities for promotion and expansion of industrial enterprises, trade etc. in the North Eastern Region.
- (ii) to promote local entrepreneurship, including by micro-finance.
- (iii) to provide consultancy services.

(b) The total number of projects financed by NEDFi from 2013 to 2016, State-wise are as under:—

Sl. No.	State	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	45	51	43
2.	Assam	109	69	66
3.	Manipur	61	63	68
4.	Meghalaya	30	22	18
5.	Mizoram	56	38	36
6.	Nagaland	88	76	45
7.	Sikkim	75	49	69
8.	Tripura	79	60	77
	TOTAL	543	428	422