

Shifting of Anganwadi Centres their own buildings

1574. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has fixed any time-frame to shift all the Anganwadi Centres across the country to its own building;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, the Government is making efforts to construct 4 lakh Anganwadi Centre (AWC) buildings in convergence with Ministry of Rural Development under MGNREGS and PRIs. As per the data available, out of 13.63 lakh operational AWCs, 4.33 lakh AWCs are operational from its own buildings, 3.70 lakh are in rented buildings, 2.71 lakh are in schools, 0.69 lakh are in Panchayat buildings and the remaining are in other places.

Awareness programme on women related issues

1575. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on micro levels particularly in rural areas to conduct awareness programmes on women related issues and to impart awareness on cancer and its early detection;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ministry has signed any MoUs with NGOs and social organisations to create such awareness on the issues affecting women and children;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total funds allocated for the same during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has laid renewed emphasis on promotive and preventive health, which is being advocated through expansive and targeted IEC Campaigns by using traditional as well as New Media in order to spread awareness in rural areas about various women issues related to Maternal Health, Child Health and Family Planning. The Ministry has designed an integrated media plan under the 360 degree