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13.	Kerala	473	32.26
14.	Madhya Pradesh	240	162.05
15.	Maharashtra	1500	-
16.	Manipur	664	267.08
17.	Mizoram	112	71.97
18.	Meghalaya	60	-
19.	Nagaland	60	13.08
20.	Odisha	2340	286.73
21.	Puducherry	30	7.99
22.	Rajasthan	180	87.19
23.	Sikkim	22	10.64
24.	Tamil Nadu	1050	160.12
25.	Telangana	831	268.63
26.	Tripura	120	26.17
27.	Uttar Pradesh	390	-
28.	Uttarakhand	120	-
29.	West Bengal	1440	378.30
30.	Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands	8	7.27

Anganwadi workers in Andhra Pradesh

1759. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are nearly 5,000 vacancies of Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to fill in the above vacancies;

(c) whether it is also a fact that honorarium being paid to AWWs and AWHs is much low when compared to inflation in the country;

(d) if so, whether there are any plans to enhance their honorarium; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) As on 31st December, 2019, there are 1,665 and 3,347 vacant positions of Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) respectively in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Government of India has been taking up the matter with States/UTs through various modes *i.e.* letters/reminders/telephonically/conferences/video conferences, officers' visits to States/UT etc. to fill up the vacant positions on priority basis. In addition, an advisory has been issued to all States/UTs to authorize the District Collectors/Magistrates to recruit AWWs and AWHs at their own level.

(c) to (e) The Government has enhanced honorarium of AWWs 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 from 1st October, 2018. The Government has also introduced performance linked incentive of ₹250/- per month to AWHs effective from 1st October, 2018. AWWs are paid performance linked incentive of ₹500/- per month for using ICDS-CAS (Common Application Software) under POSHAN Abhiyaan. Most of the States/UTs are also giving monetary incentives to these workers out of their own resources.

In addition to the honorarium paid by the Government of India the AWWs/AWHs are also provided other benefits as given below:—

- (i) Paid absence of 180 days of maternity leave.
- (ii) Award of ₹50,000/- cash and a Citation at Central level and ₹ 10,000/- cash and a Citation at State level to motivate the Anganwadi Workers and give recognition to good voluntary work.
- (iii) A set of two Uniform (saree/suit @ ₹400/- per saree per annum),
- (iv) Coverage under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) for AWWs/AWHs in the age group of 18-50 years;

- (v) Coverage under Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) for AWWs/AWHs in the age group of 51-59 years.
- (vi) Modified Anganwadi Karyakarti Bima Yojana (AKBY) for AWWs/AWHs in the age group of 51-59 years.
- (vii) Female Critical Illness benefits of ₹ 20,000/- on diagnosis of identified illness.
- (viii) Scholarships to their children studying in 9-12 Standard (including ITI courses).
- (ix) 50% reservation for AWWs in recruitment of Supervisors.

Honorarium rates of Anganwadi Workers

1760. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Anganwadi Centres and Anganwadi Workers in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government is planning to upgrade services at Anganwadi Centres, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the fresh steps taken by Government to increase the honorarium rates of Anganwadi Workers as well as to regularise their services?

THE MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) State/UT-wise details of the total number of Anganwadi Centres and Anganwadi Workers in the country are given in the Statement.

(b) Under Anganwadi Services Scheme, funds are provided for up-gradation of AWC buildings @ ₹2.00 lakh per AWC building, for Maintenance @ ₹3,000/- per AWC and for Furniture and Equipment @ ₹ 10,000/- per AWC and @ ₹7,000/- per Mini-AWC once in 5 years. Funds for upgradation of AWC building, Maintenance, Furniture and Equipment are released to States/UTs. Apart from this, funds for construction of Toilets in AWCs and for providing drinking water facilities in AWCs are also released to States/UTs. Upgradation and improvement of basic infrastructural facilities is provided for in the scheme.