

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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UN-STARRED QUESTION NO: 2074  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2021

**SMART ANGANWADI PROJECT**

2074: SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD

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

- (a) the relevant information on Integrated Child Development Services and Anganwadi Kendras;
- (b) the current total number of non-functional Anganwadi Kendras in the country, State/ UT-wise;
- (c) the steps being taken to make them functional;
- (d) the detailed information on the 'Smart Anganwadi Project';
- (e) whether Thiruvananthapuram has been chosen to host first 'Smart Anganwadi' in the State of Kerala; and
- (f) if so, the details of financial assistance towards the said project and the developments in the Kendra?

**ANSWER**

MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
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(a) Anganwadi Services under Umbrella ICDS Scheme is one of the ongoing flagship programmes of the Government of India for early childhood care and development. The beneficiaries under this scheme are children in the age group of 0-6 years, pregnant women and lactating mothers.

Under Anganwadi Services, a package of six services, namely, (i) Supplementary Nutrition; (ii) Pre-school Non-formal Education; (iii) Nutrition & Health Education; (iv) Immunization; (v) Health Check-up; and (vi) Referral Services is being provided to all eligible beneficiaries. Three of the six services, viz., immunization, health check-up and referral services, are related to health and are provided by NRHM & Public Health Infrastructure.

The Scheme operates through a network of 7075 fully operational Projects and 13.87 lakh AWCs as on March, 2021.

(b) & (c) The list of non-functional Anganwadi Kendras State/ UT-wise is at **Annexure-1**. From time to time Ministry advises States/UTs to operationalize the Anganwadi centres which are non operational. Further, in various meetings, States/ UTs have been advised to expedite the operationalization of the non-functional AWCs for the benefit of the people.

(d) to (f) Smart Anganwadi Project is an initiative of Government of Kerala for improving the service delivered at Anganwadi Centre for overall physical and mental development of children. The State has finalized 6 types of plans and estimates for the construction of Anganwadi Buildings on the basis of availability of land. It provides space for class rooms, dining hall, kitchen, store room, creative zone, indoor and outdoor play area. The funds have been provided by the State Government and LSGD Institutions.

The first Smart Anganwadi building in the State of Kerala is under construction in Thiruvananthapuram District under Thiruvananthapuram Urban II ICDS Project. The project cost for the same is Rs.44,94,518/-, for which sufficient funds have been provided by the State Government of Kerala. 80% of the construction of Anganwadi Building has been completed.

**Annexure I**

State/UT wise AWCs data as on March 2021				
S. No.	State/UT	Sanctioned	Operational	Non Operational
1	Andhra Pradesh #	55607	55607	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	6225	6225	0
3	Assam	62153	62153	0
4	Bihar	115009	111468	3541
5	Chhatisgarh	52474	51583	891
6	Goa #	1262	1262	0
7	Gujarat	53029	53029	0
8	Haryana	25962	25962	0
9	Himachal Pradesh	18925	18925	0
10	Jharkhand	38432	38432	0
11	Karnataka	65911	65911	0
12	Kerala	33318	33244	74
13	Madhya Pradesh	97135	97135	0
14	Maharashtra	110486	110219	267
15	Manipur #	11510	11510	0
16	Meghalaya	5896	5896	0
17	Mizoram	2244	2244	0
18	Nagaland	3980	3980	0
19	Odisha	74154	72587	1567
20	Punjab	27314	27304	10
21	Rajasthan	62010	61974	36
22	Sikkim	1308	1308	0
23	Tamil Nadu	54439	54439	0
24	Telangana #	35700	35634	66
25	Tripura	10145	9911	234
26	Uttar Pradesh	190145	189309	836
27	Uttarakhand	20067	20067	0
28	West Bengal # *	119481	117076	2405
29	A & N Islands	720	720	0
30	Chandigarh	450	450	0
31	Dadra & N Haveli and Daman & Diu	409	409	0
32	Delhi	10897	10897	0
33	Jammu & Kashmir	30765	28460	2305
34	Ladakh	1173	1140	33
35	Lakshadweep	107	107	0
36	Puducherry	855	855	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>1399697</b>	<b>1387432</b>	<b>12265</b>