

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENTS AT ANGANWADI CENTRES

1277 SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

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

- (a) The steps taken by Government to measure growth/progress of students at Anganwadi centres;
- (b) whether Government has taken measures to improve the facilities of the Anganwadi centres in villages; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) Government has developed a digital platform, "POSHAN Tracker", to promote real time data with analytics. 12.27 lakh Anganwadi centres across the country are uploading data on POSHAN Tracker and approximately 9.84 crore beneficiaries including children up to 6 years of age, adolescent girls, pregnant women and Lactating Mothers are registered on POSHAN Tracker. Till date 11.03 lakh smart phones and 11.94 lakh Growth Monitoring Devices (GMDs) have been procured by State/UTs under POSHAN Abhiyaan. The Anganwadi Workers periodically measure height and weight of children upto the age of 6 years and upload in POSHAN Tracker. To promote regular growth monitoring of children up to 6 years Anganwadi Workers are being incentivised with Rs. 500/per month.

(b) & (c) Improvement in the facilities of Anganwadi centres is a continuous process for which various steps have been taken from time to time for improving the condition of Anganwadi centres across the country. Following measures have been taken for improving facilities at Anganwadi Centres (AWCs):

(i) Revised joint guidelines were issued by Ministries of Women & Child Development, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj for construction of 4 lakh AWC buildings across the country under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in convergence with Anganwadi Services (ICDS Scheme).

(ii) Under Swachhta Action Plan, Rs.10,000/-per AWC is provided for drinking water facilities and Rs.12,000/-per AWC for toilet facilities.

(iii) Grants are sanctioned for purchase of water filter, furniture, equipment, etc.

(iv) Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) have been provided with Smart Phones for efficient service delivery.

(v) Streamlined guidelines were issued on 13.01.2021, covering several aspects such as quality assurance, roles and responsibilities of duty holders, procedure for procurement, integrating AYUSH concepts and Data management and Monitoring through 'POSHAN Tracker' for transparency, efficiency and accountability in delivery of Supplementary Nutrition.
