

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 1720**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2022

**ANGANWADI SYSTEM**

1720: SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:  
SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to support all children under six with their health, nutrition and education requirement through the Anganwadi system if so, the details and present status thereof, State-wise including Telangana and Andhra Pradesh; and
- (b) whether the Anganwadis across the country are plagued by low attendance despite the fact that over 70 percent of children are enrolled therein as the parents simply do not perceive Anganwadi centres as centres of learning, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor along with corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) In order to support the health, nutrition and education requirement of children below six years of age as well as pregnant women and lactating mothers, Anganwadi Services is providing 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 through the platform of Anganwadi Centres across the country.

Three of the services viz. Immunization, Health Check-up and Referral Services are related to health and are provided through National Health Mission (NHM) & Public Health Infrastructure.

The services are provided to all eligible beneficiaries who register themselves at Anganwadi Centres without any limitation and necessary awareness has been created among public to avail the nutritional and health services provided. State/UT-wise statement showing the number of beneficiaries is placed at Annexure-I.

(b) The Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) is one of the six free services provided to beneficiaries at Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) located across the country under the Anganwadi Services Scheme which is a self-selecting scheme. For effective implementation of ECCE in all anganwadis, pre-school education kits, activity books

and assessment cards are provided to all AWCs to support the holistic development of children through a play-based, experiential and child-friendly approach.

An Expert Committee set up by the Ministry to recommend age appropriate curriculum for children in the age group of 3-6 years, has submitted its report. The focus of the curriculum is on early stimulation (0-3 years) and early childhood care and education ECCE (3-6 years).

Further, under National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, for universal access to ECCE, there is provision to roll-out ECCE in all AWCs, with strengthening of Anganwadi Centres, high-quality infrastructure, play equipment and well trained Anganwadi Workers for an enriched learning environment. Under Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, two lakh selected AWCs (@ 40,000 AWCs per year) will be strengthened and upgraded with inter alia internet/wifi connectivity, LED screens, smart learning and audio-visual aids and child-friendly learning equipment for stimulating the creative, social, emotional, cognitive and intellectual development of children under 6 years of age in convergence with education development programmes. 40,000 AWCs have been selected in Financial Year 2022-23.

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**Annexure- I**

Statement referred to in part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Q.No.1720 for answer on 16.12.2022 regarding Anganwadi System asked by SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY: SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:

**Statement SNP and PSE beneficiaries under Anganwadi Services as on  
30.06.2022**

S. No	State/UTs	Beneficiaries of Supplementary Nutrition					Beneficiaries of Pre-school Education		
		Children (6 months - 3 years)	Children (3 - 6 years)	Total Children (6 months - 6 years)	Pregnant & lactating Mothers (P&LM)	Total Beneficiaries (children 6 mo-6 years plus P&LM)	Boys (3 - 6 years)	Girls (3 - 6 years)	Total (3 - 6 years)
1	Andhra Pradesh	1575581	897735	2473316	691631	3164947	452954	444781	897735
2	Arunachal Pradesh	70887	75322	146209	18511	164720	38048	37274	75322
3	Assam	1504072	1716760	3220832	595935	3816767	921522	753973	1675495
4	Bihar	4840793	4324600	9165393	1923614	11089007	2248792	2075808	4324600
5	Chhatisgarh	1029905	915132	1945037	427884	2372921	448967	450657	899624
6	Goa*	37152	22218	59370	12845	72215	0	0	0
7	Gujarat	1714281	1555071	3269352	673039	3942391	779735	745988	1525723
8	Haryana	657435	322499	979934	302013	1281947	161761	160738	322499
9	Himachal Pradesh	234531	119855	354386	93117	447503	36930	36658	73588
10	Jharkhand	1620673	1208532	2829205	712185	3541390	667285	649197	1316482
11	Karnataka	2083686	1572655	3656341	685618	4341959	795300	777355	1572655
12	Kerala	478256	354496	832752	343864	1176616	180220	174276	354496
13	Madhya Pradesh	2844488	3058399	5902887	1135127	7038014	1432176	1409211	2841387
14	Maharashtra	3047944	3069225	6117169	1197374	7314543	1441238	1530054	2971292
15	Manipur	148886	183005	331891	55239	387130	92318	90165	182483
16	Meghalay	214309	252691	467000	74223	541223	115887	112637	228524

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17	Mizoram	54174	46860	101034	20960	121994	20218	20050	40268
18	Nagaland	188212	180831	369043	41324	410367	87601	85866	173467
19	Odisha	163244 9	1743629	3376078	636767	4012845	935562	908067	1843629
20	Punjab	616513	282587	899100	256886	1155986	148785	139712	288497
21	Rajasthan	225207 6	1488690	3740766	111855 8	4859324	759232	729458	1488690
22	Sikkim	10130	7495	17625	4268	21893	3799	3696	7495
23	Tamil Nadu	190730 3	764421	2671724	726975	3398699	386400	374263	760663
24	Telangana	101758 1	549128	1566709	384131	1950840	270564	265992	536556
25	Tripura	144443	182600	327043	56218	383261	91975	90625	182600
26	Uttar Pradesh	848246 8	5255516	1373798 4	399739 8	17735382	2550878	2397644	4948522
27	Uttarakhand	309717	125778	435495	141817	577312	117089	115824	232913
28	West Bengal*	349641 5	3395021	6891436	142825 4	8319690	0	0	0
29	A & N Islands	9489	4637	14126	2903	17029	2379	2258	4637
30	Chandigarh	22491	10863	33354	8762	42116	5536	5327	10863
31	Dadra & N Haveli and Daman & Diu	15469	10990	26459	8556	35015	5567	5423	10990
32	Delhi	361944	178824	540768	130225	670993	88346	85170	173516
33	Jammu & Kashmir	293354	251557	544911	117502	662413	172468	165504	337972
34	Ladakh	9139	8477	17616	3172	20788	4266	4211	8477
35	Lakshadweep	2819	1063	3882	1053	4935	520	543	1063
36	Puducherry	26833	4528	31361	9480	40841	2300	2228	4528
<b>Total</b>		<b>429558 98</b>	<b>34141690</b>	<b>7709758 8</b>	<b>180374 28</b>	<b>95135016</b>	<b>15466618</b>	<b>14850633</b>	<b>30317251</b>

\* Due to COVID-19 AWCs could not run Pre-school Education

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