

Need to include Anganwadi centres under PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Scheme ? Laid

SHRI KESINENI SIVANATH (VIJAYAWADA): The PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, with an outlay of ₹ 75,021 crore to be implemented until FY 2026-27, is a visionary initiative. A key component of this scheme is the saturation of Government buildings with rooftop solar installations by 2025, reflecting a commitment to sustainable energy and cost efficiency. In Andhra Pradesh, there are 55,607 Anganwadi centres, yet electricity is unavailable in 8,455 centres of them. During summer, power supply becomes erratic, especially in rural areas, causing immense discomfort for children in these centres. This adversely impacts attendance and deprives children of essential care. Expanding the scope of PM Surya Ghar to include Anganwadi centres alongside other Government buildings would ensure consistent electricity supply, significantly improving conditions for children. Moreover, it would help reduce Government expenditure on electricity bills, providing long-term financial and energy sustainability. Therefore, I urge the Government to extend support and include Anganwadi centres under this scheme, ensuring basic amenities for children.