

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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ACHIEVEMENT OF ANGANWADI CENTRES
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has achieved the target fixed for opening of Anganwadi kendras during the Tenth Five Year Plan as reported in Dainik Jagran dated October 13, 2006;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to extent the Anganwadi Kendras;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to open Anganwadi Kendras in local areas in place of villages;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (f) whether the all Anganwadi Kendras opened in villages are properly working;
- (g) if not, the total number of such Kendras closed during each of the last three years, as on date, State-wise; and
- (h) the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a)&(b) The report published in the 'Dainik Jagran' dated October 13, 2006 mainly pertains to creation of awareness for achievement of Millennium Development Goals. It, inter-alia, refers to reduction in the Infant Mortality Rate, improvement in the health status of women etc.

In the 10th Plan, 1418 new ICDS Projects were targeted for operationalization. Out of which 1051 have been operationalised, as on 31.3.2006. Remaining 367 Projects are expected to become operational by the end of 10th Plan.

The Government of India fixes annual targets for operationalisation of Anganwadi Kendras. State-wise number of Anganwadi Kendras targeted for operationalisation and made operational during the last 5 years is at Annexure-I. It may be seen that 99.13 per cent of the targeted number of Anganwadi Kendras became operational, as on 31.3.2006.

(c)&(e) In pursuance of Government's commitment, as enunciated in the National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) and Supreme Court's order on the need for an Anganwadi Kendra in every settlement/habitation, 466 additional ICDS Projects and 1.88 lakh Anganwadi Kendras have been sanctioned in 2005-06. Further expansion to increase the outreach of the Scheme to 173 additional ICDS Projects, 107274 additional Anganwadi Kendras and 25961 additional Mini-AWCs is also under active consideration.

(d) As per the existing policy, in urban areas, Anganwadi Kendras are set up in urban slums only.

(f) As per the existing guidelines, supplementary nutrition is required to be provided for 25 days in a month. However, in case of some Anganwadi Kendras, this stipulation is not being adhered to for various reasons.

(g)&(h) No such case of closure of Anganwadi Kendras has been reported.