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MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UN-STARRED QUESTION NO: 863**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2021

**REVAMPING OF ANGANWADIS**

863: SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to revamp the existing structures and functioning of Anganwadis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any in-service course for Anganwadi workers has been proposed for improving their quality and efficiency; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
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(a) & (b) Revamping of Anganwadis 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 upgradation of 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.

(c) & (d) Training is a crucial element in the Anganwadi Services Scheme as the achievement of the Programme goals largely depend upon the effectiveness of frontline workers in improving service delivery. Since the inception of the Scheme, the Ministry has formulated a comprehensive training strategy for the functionaries of Anganwadi Services. Training is imparted to the functionaries on a regular basis.

Anganwadi Workers are provided job training for 26 working days. During this job training, the knowledge, understanding and skills of Anganwadi Workers on various Acts, Policies, Programmes related to women and children, setting up vibrant Anganwadi Centres, conducting Early Childhood Care and Education activities, health & nutrition care of children and women, Community Mobilisation, Awareness, Advocacy & IEC, Management of AWC and hands on experience through supervised practice to work in Anganwadi Centres are developed.

Moreover, a robust ICT enabled platform named Poshan tracker has been designed to capture real-time data on implementation and monitoring of Anganwadi Services across the country. The Poshan Tracker management application provides a 360 - degree view of the activities of the Anganwadi Centre (AWC), service deliveries of Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and complete beneficiary management.

Common services Centres (CSC) SPV under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has been entrusted with providing technical support to States/ UTs and to resolve issue regarding downloading the new Poshan Tracker app and its functioning as well as imparting inputs based training to the field functionaries. State-wise nodal person from CSC-SPV have been identified for smooth functioning of the application.

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