

Impact of Covid-19 on Integrated Child Development Services

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During COVID-19, functioning of Anganwadi Centres were permitted as per guidelines issued by Government from time to time. Accordingly, the distribution of food items and nutrition support were provided by Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) once in 15 days at the doorstep of beneficiaries, e.g., children, women and lactating mothers. Anganwadi Workers and Helpers were engaged in COVID-19 awareness drive and specifically assigned responsibilities to generate awareness about proper sanitation and health education to children and their parents, conduct of community surveillance, etc. Year-wise details of beneficiaries including children (6 months - 6 years) and Pregnant Women & Lactating Mothers under Anganwadi Services Scheme between the years 2014 - 2020 is **Annexed**. Data available is as per digitized records.

v. of India has enhanced the honorarium of AWWs from ₹3,000/- to ₹4,500/- per month; AWWs at Mini-AWCs from ₹2,250/- to ₹3,500/- per month and AWHs from ₹1,500/- to ₹2,250/- per month. This information was given by the Minister of Women and Child Development, Shri Smriti Zubin Irani, in a written reply in the Lok Sabha today.

Annexure

Year-wise details of SNP beneficiaries of Anganwadi Services

Beneficiaries Categories	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Children (6 month- 6 yrs)	84940601	82899424	82878916	80073473	71941717	70374122	68630173
Pregnant & Lactating Mothers Total	19568216	19333605	19252368	18268917	17335216	17186549	16874975
Total (Children & Pregnant & Lactating Mothers)	104508817	102233029	102131284	98342390	89276933	87560671	85505148

Figure as on March ending.

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