

## **Press Release**

### **Anganwadi Centres in North Eastern Regions**

As on 31.3.2010, there are 87115 operational Anganwadi Centres (AWCs)/ mini-AWCs, out of 101549 sanctioned AWCs/ mini- AWCs, in North Eastern region of the country including Assam, leaving 14434 AWCs/ mini- AWCs which are yet to be operationalised. This includes 2655 AWCs/mini-AWCs sanctioned on 31.3.2010 in Arunachal Pradesh (197 AWCs) and in Assam (2458 mini-AWCs). The operationalisation of AWCs/mini-AWCs take about one year from the date of sanction by Government of India. The States have, however, been requested to operationalise all the remaining AWCs/ mini-AWCs. There is no further proposal from States to open additional Anganwadi Centres in the North Eastern region.

The releases of funds to the States are made depending upon the cost sharing norms & pace of expenditure by the States. For North Eastern region, there is a overall budget provision of Rs.893.28 crore during 2010-11 under ICDS scheme. Funds are not earmarked for AWCs/mini-AWCs, State-wise.

This information was given by Smt. Krishna Tirath, Minister of State for Women and Child Development (IC) in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha today.

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