

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 959**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2022

**MALNUTRITION AMONG CHILDREN**

959. SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY:

Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the steps taken by Government to tackle the problem of malnutrition among children;
- (b) the details of financial assistance provided by Government in this regard during the last three years, State-wise/UT-wise including Puducherry; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government during the last three years to provide nutritious diet to the children as per the international norms?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) Government has accorded high priority to the issue of malnutrition and is making serious efforts to improve the nutritional status of children in the country. POSHAN Abhiyaan, a flagship scheme of the Government was launched in 2018 to address the malaise of malnutrition by adopting a synergised and result oriented approach. Further, to address various policy and systemic needs, the Integrated Child Development Scheme and Anganwadi Services schemes were re-evaluated in respect of programme design, implementation process, outcome and impact and for re-assessing the relevance of the programme in achieving its aims and goals. The efforts under the Supplementary Nutrition Programme under Anganwadi Services, Scheme for Adolescent Girls and POSHAN Abhiyaan have been re-aligned as 'Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0' for maximizing nutritional outcomes.

Poshan 2.0 focuses on Maternal Nutrition, Infant and Young Child Feeding Norms, Treatment of MAM/SAM and Wellness through AYUSH. It rests on the pillars of Convergence, Governance, and Capacity-building. POSHAN Abhiyaan is the key pillar for Outreach and covers innovations related to nutritional support, ICT interventions, Media Advocacy and Research, Community Outreach and Jan Andolan. Steps have been taken to improve nutritional quality and testing in accredited labs, strengthen delivery and leverage technology under the 'Poshan Tracker', a robust ICT enabled

platform to improve governance with regard to real time monitoring of provisioning of supplementary nutrition for prompt supervision and management of services.

Under Poshan 2.0, focus is on diet diversity, food fortification, leveraging traditional systems of knowledge and popularizing use of millets. Nutrition awareness strategies under Poshan 2.0 aim to develop sustainable health and well-being through regional/ local wholesome foods to bridge dietary gaps. A programme to support development of Poshan Vatikas at Anganwadi centers to meet dietary diversity gaps leveraging traditional knowledge in nutritional practices has also been taken up.

(b) The details of financial assistance provided by Government under the Anganwadi services and Poshan Abhiyaan during the last three years, State-wise/UT-wise including Puducherry are at Annexure-I & II.

(c) Nutritional support is provided to children (6 months to 6 years) under the Supplementary Nutrition Programme of Anganwadi Services, a component of Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0. Supplementary Nutrition is provided to children as per the age-specific nutritional norms specified under Schedule-II of the National Food Security Act in order to bridge the gaps in the intake of nutrients.

Further, under Poshan 2.0, focus is on diet diversity, food fortification, leveraging traditional systems of knowledge and popularizing use of millets. Nutrition awareness strategies under Poshan 2.0 aim to develop sustainable health and well-being with focus on local, wholesome foods to bridge dietary gaps. To encourage diet-diversity and consumption of wholesome local produce, around 4.35 lakhs poshan vaticas have been developed at AWCs. Further, as per the Scheme Guidelines for Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, local dietary inputs and fresh produce (green vegetables, fruits, medicinal plants and herbs), fortified rice and millets have to be actively encouraged in prescription of meals to be served to different categories of beneficiaries under the scheme to promote health, wellness and immunity and to manage anemia. In FY 2021-22, 7.34 lakh MT of fortified rice was allocated to States. This year till date, 9.32 lakh MT has been allocated.

Considering the Nutritional quality of Millets MWCD, all States/UTs have been advised to incorporate millets in the recipes to enhance the nutritional quality of the meal provided under Supplementary Nutrition programme of Anganwadi Services. Under Guidelines for Mission Poshan 2.0, it has been advised to mandatorily incorporate millets in Supplementary Nutrition at least once a week.

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## Annexure-I

## Fund Released Under Anganwadi Services for last three years

| Sl. No. | State/UTs         | Fund released during 2019-20 (Rupees in Lakhs) |                |
|---------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------|
|         |                   | SNP                                            | ICDS (GENERAL) |
|         |                   | Funds released                                 | Funds released |
| 1       | ANDHRA PRADESH    | 32726.24                                       | 29729.92       |
| 2       | BIHAR             | 76100.71                                       | 47936.4        |
| 3       | CHHATTISGARH      | 20930.7                                        | 24932.85       |
| 4       | GOA               | 826.38                                         | 684.14         |
| 5       | GUJARAT           | 33671.97                                       | 32422.06       |
| 6       | HARYANA           | 4205.09                                        | 13106.67       |
| 7       | JHARKHAND         | 22959.33                                       | 19206.2        |
| 8       | KARNATAKA         | 42657.55                                       | 31421.97       |
| 9       | KERALA            | 14085.21                                       | 17534.3        |
| 10      | MADHYA PRADESH    | 71534.93                                       | 45572.99       |
| 11      | MAHARASHTRA       | 78949.43                                       | 50087.82       |
| 12      | ODISHA            | 49466.82                                       | 33428.03       |
| 13      | PUNJAB            | 5346.54                                        | 13993.14       |
| 14      | RAJASTHAN         | 29913.62                                       | 28231.53       |
| 15      | TAMIL NADU        | 37341.72                                       | 25108.19       |
| 16      | TELANGANA         | 22519.69                                       | 21987.17       |
| 17      | UTTAR PRADESH     | 148686.46                                      | 82387.61       |
| 18      | WEST BENGAL       | 59862                                          | 51068.97       |
| 19      | DELHI             | 4425.64                                        | 8573.36        |
| 20      | PUDUCHERRY        | 0                                              | 453.16         |
| 21      | HIMACHAL PRADESH  | 7655.5                                         | 16651.3        |
| 22      | JAMMU & KASHMIR   | 2341.36                                        | 28275.8        |
| 23      | UTTARAKHAND       | 13308.15                                       | 16103.22       |
| 24      | ANDAMAN & NICOBAR | 327.44                                         | 802.54         |
| 25      | CHANDIGARH        | 705.52                                         | 622.16         |
| 26      | D. & NAGAR HAVELI | 185.75                                         | 375.9          |
| 27      | DAMAN & DIU       | 139.88                                         | 121.59         |
| 28      | LAKSHADWEEP       | 55.14                                          | 71.84          |
| 29      | ARUNACHAL PRADESH | 2332.96                                        | 9472.2         |

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|---------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 30            | ASSAM                           | 49541.69                                              | 57539.63              |
| 31            | MANIPUR                         | 4980.21                                               | 10678.57              |
| 32            | MEGHALAYA                       | 11582.97                                              | 6624.75               |
| 33            | MIZORAM                         | 2041.49                                               | 2566.79               |
| 34            | NAGALAND                        | 7390.27                                               | 7636.36               |
| 35            | SIKKIM                          | 291.42                                                | 1636.62               |
| 36            | TRIPURA                         | 7028.04                                               | 8849.84               |
| <b>Total</b>  |                                 | <b>866117.82</b>                                      | <b>745895.59</b>      |
| <b>S. No.</b> | <b>State/UTs</b>                | <b>Fund released during 2020-21 (Rupees in Lakhs)</b> |                       |
|               |                                 | <b>SNP</b>                                            | <b>ICDS (GENERAL)</b> |
|               |                                 | <b>Funds released</b>                                 | <b>Funds released</b> |
| 1             | ANDHRA PRADESH                  | 37135.93                                              | 32145.17              |
| 2             | BIHAR                           | 85607.81                                              | 41451.77              |
| 3             | CHHATTISGARH                    | 24593.07                                              | 25841.06              |
| 4             | GOA                             | 858.8                                                 | 1165.27               |
| 5             | GUJARAT                         | 33671.97                                              | 27761.28              |
| 6             | HARYANA                         | 5919.04                                               | 12194.63              |
| 7             | JHARKHAND                       | 26033.9                                               | 19750.86              |
| 8             | KARNATAKA                       | 41000                                                 | 27641.75              |
| 9             | KERALA                          | 13049.61                                              | 18941.99              |
| 10            | MADHYA PRADESH                  | 74405.7                                               | 47631.89              |
| 11            | MAHARASHTRA                     | 66330.71                                              | 52452.49              |
| 12            | ODISHA                          | 50299.05                                              | 34353.21              |
| 13            | PUNJAB                          | 4341.15                                               | 12687.89              |
| 14            | RAJASTHAN                       | 34894.46                                              | 28231.15              |
| 15            | TAMIL NADU                      | 39022.39                                              | 22048.8               |
| 16            | TELANGANA                       | 21522.15                                              | 18408.88              |
| 17            | UTTAR PRADESH                   | 139063.6                                              | 59495.34              |
| 18            | WEST BENGAL                     | 65848.2                                               | 38757.05              |
| 19            | DELHI                           | 6539.81                                               | 3547.26               |
| 20            | PUDUCHERRY                      | 0                                                     | 424.39                |
| 21            | HIMACHAL PRADESH                | 6919.79                                               | 18632.28              |
| 22            | JAMMU & KASHMIR                 | 4629.5                                                | 24272.52              |
| 23            | UTTARAKHAND                     | 14629.43                                              | 17820.82              |
| 24            | ANDAMAN & NICOBAR               | 406.43                                                | 1119.01               |
| 25            | CHANDIGARH                      | 633.26                                                | 594.07                |
| 26            | D. & NAGAR HAVELI & DAMAN & DIU | 410.11                                                | 491.43                |
| 27            | LADAKH                          | 554.23                                                | 1885.98               |

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|--------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 28           | LAKSHADWEEP       | 90.99            | 113.44           |
| 29           | ARUNACHAL PRADESH | 3708.17          | 4420.82          |
| 30           | ASSAM             | 54495.86         | 52880.27         |
| 31           | MANIPUR           | 10697.3          | 6686.14          |
| 32           | MEGHALAYA         | 11648.95         | 6044.17          |
| 33           | MIZORAM           | 2288.18          | 5104.16          |
| 34           | NAGALAND          | 8232.9           | 6688.44          |
| 35           | SIKKIM            | 336.42           | 2093.06          |
| 36           | TRIPURA           | 6503.02          | 8734.45          |
| <b>Total</b> |                   | <b>896321.89</b> | <b>682513.19</b> |

| Sl. No. | State/UTs                       | Fund released during 2021-22 (As on 31.03.2022) (Rs. in lakhs) |                |
|---------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
|         |                                 | SNP                                                            | ICDS (GENERAL) |
|         |                                 | Funds released                                                 | Funds released |
| 1       | ANDHRA PRADESH                  | 38268.02                                                       | 36192.36       |
| 2       | BIHAR                           | 88368.99                                                       | 69074.08       |
| 3       | CHHATTISGARH                    | 26771.73                                                       | 33742.69       |
| 4       | GOA                             | 440.88                                                         | 642.68         |
| 5       | GUJARAT                         | 50526.47                                                       | 32817.5        |
| 6       | HARYANA                         | 5919.04                                                        | 11384.31       |
| 7       | JHARKHAND                       | 17595.38                                                       | 17702.39       |
| 8       | KARNATAKA                       | 58102.1                                                        | 42268.09       |
| 9       | KERALA                          | 19083.19                                                       | 19714.48       |
| 10      | MADHYA PRADESH                  | 55338.77                                                       | 53208.14       |
| 11      | MAHARASHTRA                     | 105239.33                                                      | 66099.6        |
| 12      | ODISHA                          | 49454.24                                                       | 44205.33       |
| 13      | PUNJAB                          | 4530.36                                                        | 33821.32       |
| 14      | RAJASTHAN                       | 31399.25                                                       | 36865.38       |
| 15      | TAMIL NADU                      | 36337.1                                                        | 29201.03       |
| 16      | TELANGANA                       | 24680.58                                                       | 23552.1        |
| 17      | UTTAR PRADESH                   | 139063.6                                                       | 100914.99      |
| 18      | WEST BENGAL                     | 32924.1                                                        | 33911.12       |
| 19      | DELHI                           | 7825.24                                                        | 5465.76        |
| 20      | PUDUCHERRY                      | 0                                                              | 277.8          |
| 21      | HIMACHAL PRADESH                | 5766.4                                                         | 19032.34       |
| 22      | JAMMU & KASHMIR                 | 3458.83                                                        | 37114.91       |
| 23      | UTTARAKHAND                     | 15276.48                                                       | 20088.77       |
| 24      | ANDAMAN & NICOBAR               | 203.22                                                         | 1248.96        |
| 25      | CHANDIGARH                      | 702.83                                                         | 704.95         |
| 26      | D. & NAGAR HAVELI & DAMAN & DIU | 410.11                                                         | 523.28         |

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|--------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 27           | LADAKH            | 277.12           | 1190.35          |
| 28           | LAKSHADWEEP       | 146.33           | 63.9             |
| 29           | ARUNACHAL PRADESH | 4725.67          | 12357.17         |
| 30           | ASSAM             | 69759.55         | 62230.33         |
| 31           | MANIPUR           | 8588.77          | 14303.27         |
| 32           | MEGHALAYA         | 11051.14         | 6281.68          |
| 33           | MIZORAM           | 1862.77          | 3315.32          |
| 34           | NAGALAND          | 8232.75          | 7232.43          |
| 35           | SIKKIM            | 303.22           | 2269.84          |
| 36           | TRIPURA           | 6883.37          | 11789.1          |
| <b>Total</b> |                   | <b>929516.93</b> | <b>890807.75</b> |

## Annexure-II

## State/UT wise statement of funds released under POSHAN Abhiyaan

Amount in ₹lakhs

| Sl.No | States/UTs                   | Central Funds released in 2019-20 | Central Funds released in 2020-21 | Central Funds released in 2021-22 |
|-------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1     | A & N ISLANDS                | 307.62                            | 100                               | 518.98                            |
| 2     | ANDHRA PRADESH               | 13296.52                          | 889.71                            | 0                                 |
| 3     | ARUNACHAL PRADESH            | 1006.62                           | 99.6                              | 0                                 |
| 4     | ASSAM                        | 14171                             | 987.04                            | 0                                 |
| 5     | BIHAR                        | 25465                             | 1835.48                           | 0                                 |
| 6     | CHANDIGARH                   | 353                               | 107.2                             | 122.66                            |
| 7     | CHHATTISGARH                 | 0                                 | 839.58                            | 0                                 |
| 8     | D & N HAVELI and DAMAN & DIU | 878.14                            | 0                                 | 0                                 |
| 9     | DELHI                        | 0                                 | 174.35                            | 0                                 |
| 10    | GOA                          | 0                                 | 20.19                             | 0                                 |
| 11    | GUJARAT                      | 14863                             | 0                                 | 0                                 |
| 12    | HARYANA                      | 0                                 | 415.39                            | 0                                 |
| 13    | HIMACHAL PRADESH             | 0                                 | 0                                 | 0                                 |
| 14    | JAMMU & KASHMIR              | 1238.29                           | 492.24                            | 0                                 |
| 15    | JHARKHAND                    | 0                                 | 0                                 | 0                                 |
| 16    | KARNATAKA                    | 7967.39                           | 1054.58                           | 0                                 |
| 17    | KERALA                       | 0                                 | 2679.61                           | 0                                 |
| 18    | LADAKH                       | 0                                 | 118.768                           | 0                                 |
| 19    | LAKSHADWEEP                  | 126.75                            | 100                               | 0                                 |
| 20    | MADHYA PRADESH               | 0                                 | 1554.16                           | 0                                 |
| 21    | MAHARASHTRA                  | 33061.47                          | 1767.776                          | 0                                 |

|              |               |                  |                 |                 |
|--------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 22           | MANIPUR       | 0                | 184.16          | 0               |
| 23           | MEGHALAYA     | 2802.8           | 94.336          | 0               |
| 24           | MIZORAM       | 1498             | 0               | 753.48          |
| 25           | NAGALAND      | 2298.17          | 1550.11         | 360.12          |
| 26           | ODISHA        | 0                | 0               | 12842.35        |
| 27           | PUDUCHERRY    | 497              | 13.68           | 0               |
| 28           | PUNJAB        | 0                | 0               | 0               |
| 29           | RAJASTHAN     | 8941             | 0               | 0               |
| 30           | SIKKIM        | 923              | 20.928          | 0               |
| 31           | TAMIL NADU    | 11509            | 0               | 0               |
| 32           | TELANGANA     | 7003             | 571.2           | 0               |
| 33           | TRIPURA       | 0                | 162.32          | 0               |
| 34           | UTTAR PRADESH | 16166            | 2779.49         | 0               |
| 35           | UTTARAKHAND   | 7086             | 321.07          | 0               |
| 36           | WEST BENGAL   | 0                | 1911.7          | 0               |
| <b>Total</b> |               | <b>171458.77</b> | <b>20844.66</b> | <b>14597.59</b> |