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Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman Yojana

1666 # SHRI GHANSHYAM TIWARI:

Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the means of the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman Yojana and the objectives, eligibility etc. of the Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0;
- (b) the method of the participation of the Central and State Governments in the said schemes, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the likely targets set for the above schemes?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

- (a) Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) Scheme is one of the foremost rights based Centrally Sponsored Schemes under the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA). The Scheme covers about 12.21 crore children studying in Bal Vatika and Classes I-VIII in 10.84 lakh Government and Government-Aided schools. The objectives of the Scheme are to address two of the pressing problems for majority of children in India, viz. hunger and education by:
 - i) Improving the nutritional status of children studying in classes I–VIII in Government and Government-Aided Schools and in Bal Vatika (just before class I) in Govt. Primary schools.
 - ii) Encouraging poor children, belonging to disadvantaged sections, to attend school more regularly and help them concentrate on classroom activities.

- iii) Providing nutritional support to children of elementary stage in drought / disaster affected areas during summer vacation and disaster times.

Saksham Anganwadi and Mission Poshan 2.0 aim to address Government's commitment to address the challenge of child malnutrition and maternal under-nutrition through a strategic shift in nutrition content and delivery and create conditions and a convergent eco-system to develop practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity. It would contribute to human capital development of the country; address the challenges of malnutrition in children up to the age of 6 years, pregnant women and lactating mothers; and also adolescent girls (14-18 years of age) to promote nutrition awareness and good eating habits for sustainable health and wellbeing and address nutrition related deficiencies through key strategies. The Scheme is open to all eligible beneficiaries registered at the nearest Anganwadi Centre on demand, irrespective of caste, religion and income criteria.

- (b) The PM POSHAN Scheme is implemented in partnership with the States and Union Territory Administrations. The existing cost sharing ratio between the Centre and States & UTs with Legislature is 60:40, for North-Eastern Regions (NER)/Himalayan States including J&K is 90:10 and in Union Territories without legislature is 100%. The same funding pattern is applicable in Saksham Anganwadi and Mission Poshan 2.0
- (c) The PM POSHAN Scheme is implemented universally across the country covering all the eligible children studying in Bal Vatika and Classes I-VIII in Government and Government-Aided schools. Anganwadi Services is a universal self-selecting Scheme, all the eligible beneficiaries across the country can avail benefits under the Scheme by registering themselves in Anganwadi Centres.
