

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2023

ALLOCATION FOR SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAMMES FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

3356. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM:

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

- (a) whether Government has reduced allocation for crucial social security programmes for women and children including 27 per cent cut for POSHAN Scheme despite the challenges faced by women;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the budget for children is also lower by over 2.43 per cent against the demand thereof; and
- (d) if so, the action proposed for saving lives and improving quality of life and health of women and children?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) For better implementation of the schemes and to ensure improved quality of lives of women and children, presently in the XVth Finance Commission Cycle, all the schemes of the Ministry have been converged under three umbrella verticals, viz. (i) Mission Shakti, for the safety, protection and empowerment of women; (ii) Mission Vatsalya, for the protection and welfare of children; and (iii) Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0) for improving nutrition indicators in the country with enhanced outlays.

For attainment of proper nutrition outcomes and to address the challenges of malnutrition, Poshan Abhiyan has been aligned with Anganwadi Services, Supplementary Nutrition and Scheme for Adolescent Girls under Mission POSHAN 2.0.

Further, there has been an increase in the budgetary allocation for these Missions for improving quality of life and nutrition of women and children as per details given below:

(Rs. in Crore)

S.No.	SCHEMES	BE 2021-22	BE 2022-23
1.	Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0	20105.00	20263.07
2.	Mission Vatsalya	900.00	1472.17
3.	Mission Shakti	3109.00	3184.11
	Total	24114.00	24919.35

The schemes specific for children are under Mission Vatsalya where the budgetary outlay has been enhanced from Rs. 900 crores to Rs. 1472.17 crores (i.e. 63.57% increase).
