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SAKSHAM ANGANWADI SCHEME

3839: SHRI B. PARTHASARADHI REDDY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) detailed outcomes of the measures implemented under the Saksham Anganwadi scheme to increase nutritional support for women, children and adolescent girls in Telangana; and
- (b) the measures being taken under the said scheme to develop and modernize Anganwadis infrastructure in Telangana?

ANSWER

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

(a) The efforts under Supplementary Nutrition Programme, Anganwadi Services, Poshan Abhiyan and revised Scheme for Adolescent Girls have been aligned as Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0). Under Mission Poshan 2.0, nutritional support is provided to children under 6 years of age, pregnant women, lactating mothers and adolescent girls in order to address the issue of malnutrition.

In order to assess the outcome of various interventions of the Government to address the issue of malnutrition, data on nutritional indicators is captured regularly under the National Family Health Surveys (NFHS) conducted by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. As per the last two rounds of NFHS, the prevalence of undernutrition has decreased in the country. The prevalence of stunting, wasting and underweight has reduced from 38.4%, 21% and 35.8% in NFHS-4 (2015-16) to 35.5%, 19.3%, and 32.1% as per NFHS-5 (2019-21). The prevalence of underweight among women (15-49 years) has decreased from 22.9 as per NFHS-4 to 18.7% as reported under NFHS-5. In the State of Telangana, as per NFHS-5, the prevalence of stunting, wasting and underweight among children under 5 years of age is 33.1%, 21.7% and 31.8% and prevalence of underweight among women (15-49 years) is 18.8%.

Further, under Poshan Tracker, the ICT application for monitoring service delivery under Mission Poshan 2.0, out of approximately 16.9 Lakh children measured in the month of February 2023 in the State of Telangana, the percentage of malnourished children is 4.9%.

Further, the achievements made under Mission Poshan 2.0 in the State of Telangana are as under:

- During Poshan Pakhwada 2022 and Poshan Maah 2022, a total of 9.97 Lakh and 12.45 lakh activities were conducted for creating awareness on nutrition related issues.
- 38984 Smart phones have been procured to enable the frontline functionaries to efficiently deliver the services.
- 35700 Growth Monitoring Devices including Infantometer, Stadiometer, Weighing Scale etc have been procured.

(b) Under Saksham Anganwadi, 2 lakh Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) (40,000 AWCs per year) across the country have been proposed to be strengthened and upgraded over 5 year for improved nutrition delivery and early childhood care and education for children under 6 years of age. This year 40,000 AWCs have been identified in aspirational districts for upgradation as Saksham Anganwadis with better infrastructure including internet/wifi connectivity, LED screens and smart learning and audio-visual aids and child-friendly learning equipment.

A total of 500 Anganwadi Centres have been selected in the State of Telangana for upgradation as Saksham Anganwadis in FY 2022-23 and funds amounting to Rs.278.16 lakhs have been released in the current FY 2022-23.

Further, all States/UTs have been advised to take up the matter of installation of rainwater harvesting in Government owned Anganwadi buildings. The cost of construction of Toilet per AWC has been revised to Rs.36000/- from Rs.12000/- and the cost for providing drinking water facilities has been revised to Rs.17000/- from Rs.10000/-.
