

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1266**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023

**ANGANWADI CENTRES UNDER POSHAN ABHIYAAN**

1266. SHRI. DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

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

- (a) The details of process of registration of beneficiaries under the Poshan Abhiyaan;
- (b) Whether Government has been able to achieve the objectives of POSHAN Abhiyaan in Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore;
- (c) The details of funds released to the State of Maharashtra during last three years under POSHAN Abhiyaan and Mission Shakti Scheme;
- (d) The number of Anganwadi centres in Maharashtra wherein POSHAN Abhiyaan scheme is being implemented, district-wise; and
- (e) Whether Government has conducted any study on the results of this scheme in Maharashtra and if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0) is an integrated nutrition support programme, to strengthen nutritional content, delivery, outreach and outcomes with focus on developing practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity to disease and malnutrition. Mission Poshan 2.0 is a universal self-selecting scheme available to all the beneficiaries who enrol at the AWCs. The beneficiaries under this scheme are children in the age group of 0-6 years, pregnant women and lactating mothers and Adolescent Girls between 14-18 years (North Eastern States and Aspirational Districts). In order to avail the services under the scheme the beneficiary needs to be enrolled at the Anganwadi Centre by the Anganwadi Worker which is now being done on Poshan Tracker application. As on date approximately, 10.23 crore beneficiaries have been registered under the scheme and approximately 95% have been Aadhar verified. In order to avail the services under Mission Poshan 2.0, Aadhar registration is mandatory. However, if a child's Aadhar card is not available, then the benefits under the scheme can be accessed using the mother's/father's/guardian's Aadhaar card.

(b) to (d) Under Poshan 2.0, supplementary nutrition is provided to beneficiaries enrolled at the Anganwadi Centres for 300 days in a year. Multiple coordinated efforts have been taken to improve nutritional outcomes among the beneficiaries in Maharashtra, the details are as under:

- i. The data from Poshan Tracker for November 2023 shows 1,10,515 operational Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) and 71,94,571 registered beneficiaries which includes Pregnant Women, Lactating Mothers, Children under 6 years. In addition, 1,19,365 Adolescent Girls (14-18 years in Aspirational districts) are also enrolled as beneficiaries. Moreover, 95.48% beneficiaries are Aadhar verified.
- ii. 1,10,486 Smartphones and 1,10,486 Growth Monitoring Devices are available in Maharashtra.
- iii. 1150 Anganwadi Centres were approved for upgradation to Saksham Anganwadis in the FY 2022-23.
- iv. Under Mission Poshan 2.0, 'Poshan Maah' is celebrated each year in the month of September and 'Poshan Pakhwada' is celebrated in the month of March with the aim to create awareness about nutrition and healthy food. Through these *Jan Andolans*, large scale and continuous behaviour change interventions are being carried out. Over 15 crore activities have been undertaken in the State since September 2018.

The details of the fund released to the State of Maharashtra under Mission Poshan 2.0 and Mission Shakti during the last three years is at **Annexure I**.

Mission Poshan 2.0 is being implemented in all the 36 districts of the State covering 1,10,515 Anganwadi Centres. The district-wise details of the number of Anganwadi Centres in the state of Maharashtra is at **Annexure-II**.

(e) A third party evaluation of all Centrally Sponsored Schemes in Women and Child Development Sector including Anganwadi services, POSHAN Abhiyaan was conducted by NITI Aayog in 2020. The evaluation found the relevance of Anganwadi Services scheme & POSHAN Abhiyaan satisfactory.

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## Annexure I

Funds released to the State of Maharashtra under Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 during the last three years		
(Amount in ₹lakhs)		
FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23
Fund released	Fund released	Fund released
120599.45	171338.93	163377.20
Funds released to the State of Maharashtra under Mission Shakti during the last three years		
(Amount in ₹lakhs)		
FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23
Fund released	Fund released	Fund released
12249.17	10633.68	24152.00

## Annexure-II

### District-wise details of the number of Anganwadi Centres in Maharashtra

S.No.	District	Total Anganwadi Centres
1.	Ahmednagar	5905
2.	Akola	1564
3.	Amravati	3189
4.	Beed	3316
5.	Bhandara	1417
6.	Buldana	2971
7.	Chandrapur	2962
8.	Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar	3841
9.	Dharashiv	2049
10.	Dhule	2329
11.	Gadchiroli	2377
12.	Gondia	1902
13.	Hingoli	1197
14.	Jalgaon	3944
15.	Jalna	2191
16.	Kolhapur	4422
17.	Latur	2593
18.	Mumbai City	927
19.	Mumbai Suburban	4220
20.	Nagpur	3405
21.	Nanded	4166
22.	Nandurbar	2563
23.	Nashik	5699
24.	Palghar	3322
25.	Parbhani	1844
26.	Pune	6083
27.	Raigad	3362
28.	Ratnagiri	2971
29.	Sangli	3107
30.	Satara	4926
31.	Sindhudurg	1539
32.	Solapur	4735
33.	Thane	3561
34.	Wardha	1627
35.	Washim	1266
36.	Yavatmal	3023
	<b>Total</b>	<b>110515</b>

\* Data of Operational Anganwadi Centres has been taken from Poshan Tracker