GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2075 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2023

ASSESSMENT OF WELFARE SCHEMES

2075. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA:

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

- (a) whether Government has any mechanism to assess the impact of its welfare schemes and various policies on the beneficiaries;
- (b) whether officials have been deputed from time to time for this purpose to know the real impact on the life of beneficiaries; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) For better implementation and efficient monitoring, all schemes of the Ministry have been clubbed into three verticals, viz. (1) Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 for improving nutrition indicators in the country (2) Mission Shakti, for safety, protection and empowerment of women; and (3) Mission Vatsalya, for protection and welfare of children.

The schemes implemented by the Ministry are monitored at Central/ State/ District level. A third party evaluation of all Centrally Sponsored Schemes in Women and Child Development Sector was conducted by NITI Aayog in 2020. The evaluation found the impact of the schemes to be satisfactory. The guidelines are revised from time to time to ensure effective implementation of the schemes. The same are reviewed on monthly basis at Secretary/ Additional Secretary/ Bureau Head levels through physical meetings/ video conferences. Hon'ble Minister, Women and Child Development reviews the progress of schemes with States/UTs once every quarter apart from regular field visits. Further, officers of the Ministry are deputed to States/UTs and districts regularly for monitoring implementation of various schemes of the Ministry.

In addition to the above, the Ministry organizes outreach with State Governments/ UT Administrations from time to time through Zonal Conferences and conducts Workshops on Sensitization/ Training Programme for State Government representatives to ensure implementation of the scheme as per envisaged objectives. Ministry has also developed ICT softwares such as POSHAN Tracker, PMMVY CAS 2.0, CARINGS portal etc. to facilitate real time monitoring of the schemes.