

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 637**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7.2.2024

**PRADHAN MANTRI POSHAN YOJANA**

637 MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI:

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

- (a) the budget allocated to Himachal Pradesh for the year 2023-24 under the Pradhan Mantri POSHAN Yojana;
- (b) whether the salary of CCH (Cook cum Helpers) would be increased under Poshan Abhiyaan with the allocation of the said budget; and
- (c) whether any mechanism has been developed to monitor the quality of food provided under the Poshan Abhiyan, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) The Government has approved the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN)' for providing one hot cooked meal in Government and Government – aided Schools from 2021-22 to 2025-26. The Scheme is being implemented by the Ministry of Education. PM POSHAN scheme is one of the foremost rights based Centrally Sponsored Schemes under the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA). This Scheme is implemented across the country covering 11.56 crore children studying in Bal vatika and classes I-VIII in 10.63 lakh Govt and Govt aided schools. The overall responsibilities for providing cooked and nutritious meal to the eligible children lies with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations in accordance with the Guidelines laid down by the Central Government. Further, the total amount of Rs. 11959.38 lakh has been allocated to the State of Himachal Pradesh for the year 2023-24 (Source PAB Minutes).

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