

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1910
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024

POSHAN ABHIYAAN

1910. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

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

- (a) The budget allocation made to the State of Maharashtra under the POSHAN Abhiyan during each of the last three years;
- (b) The present status of the POSHAN Abhiyan in Maharashtra, district-wise;
- (c) the number of beneficiaries of the said scheme in the State of Maharashtra during the last three years;
- (d) The number of cases of stunting, under nutrition, anemia, and low birth weight among infants, children, adolescent girls and women reported during the period of implementation of POSHAN Abhiyan in Maharashtra, district-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) Poshan Abhiyaan was launched on 8th March 2018. Under the 15th Finance Commission, Anganwadi services, Poshan Abhiyaan and Scheme for Adolescent girls (14-18 years in Aspirational Districts and North-East region of India) have been subsumed under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0) to address the challenge of malnutrition through improved nutrition content and delivery. The budget allocation made to the State of Maharashtra under the Mission Poshan 2.0 during the last three years, is placed at **Annexure-I**.

(b) and (c) Mission Poshan 2.0 is a universal self-selecting (no entry barriers) scheme available to all the beneficiaries who enroll at the Anganwadi Centers (AWCs) and is being implemented in all States/UTs across the country including the State of Maharashtra. The Scheme is operational in all the districts of the State of Maharashtra. The district wise details of beneficiaries are provided at **Annexure-II**.

(d) Details of anaemia, among children, adolescent girls and women and low birth weight of infants are released under National Family Health Survey (NFHS), which is conducted by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. The report of NFHS-5 is available on National Family Health Survey portal (<http://nfhs.in/nfhsnew/nfhsuser/publication.php>).

Various rounds of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) conducted since 1992-93 have shown improvement in malnutrition indicators in children across India. Details of these indicators for children under 5 years since NFHS-1 to NFHS-5 are given below:

NFHS Survey	Underweight %	Wasting %	Stunting %
NFHS-1 (1992-93)*	53.4	17.5	52
NFHS-2 (1998-99)**	47	15.5	45.5
NFHS-3 (2005-6)***	42.5	19.8	48.0
NFHS-4 (2015-16)***	35.8	21.0	38.4
NFHS-5 (2019-21)***	32.1	19.3	35.5

* Under 4 years

** Under 3 years

*** Under 5 years

The above table gives a representative picture of malnutrition indicators among all children of 0-3 years, 0-4 years and 0-5 years age at that time. The table shows that level of malnutrition among children has been generally coming down in "underweight" and "stunted" categories during the last 30 years.

The projected population of all children up to 5 years in India for the year 2021 is 13.75 crore (source: Population Projections for India and States 2011-2036, National Commission on Population, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare). However, only 7.65 crore of these children up to 5 years are enrolled in Anganwadis and registered on Poshan Tracker of the Ministry of Women & Child Development as per June 2024 data of Poshan Tracker. 7.37 crore of these enrolled children were measured on growth parameters. 36.5% have been found to be stunted, 16.4% have been found to be underweight and 6% have been found to be wasted.

Further, the projected population of all children in India up to 6 years for the year 2021 is 16.1 crore. As per June 2024 data of Poshan Tracker, 8.91 crore of these children (0-6 years) are enrolled in Anganwadis out of whom 8.57 crore children were measured on growth parameters. 35.6% of these children (0-6 years) have been found to be stunted and 17.2% children (0-6 years) have been found to be underweight.

District wise details of nutritional indicators of children in Maharashtra as per June 2024 data on Poshan Tracker are placed in **Annexure-III**.

Annexure I

**ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA
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Funds allocated to the State of Maharashtra under Mission Poshan 2.0 during the last three years:

Name of the State	Amount in ₹ crore		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	Funds released	Funds released	Funds released
Maharashtra	1713.39	1646.17	1699.52

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (b) and (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1910 FOR 07.08.2024 REGARDING “POSHAN ABHIYAAN” ASKED BY SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK

District wise and category wise details of beneficiaries in the State of Maharashtra as on June 2024 from Poshan Tracker:

S. No	Districts	Children (0 - 6 months)	Children (6 months - 3 Years)	Children (3 - 6 Years)	Lactating mothers	Pregnant Women	Adolescent Girls
1	Ahmednagar	14398	134045	156779	15872	18468	
2	Akola	3295	39329	48452	4124	5657	
3	Amravati	8792	79977	91017	10050	12940	
4	Beed	7334	82905	99123	8189	11248	
5	Bhandara	2979	32080	38041	3868	5452	
6	Buldana	8408	79581	90942	9291	10927	
7	Chandrapur	4729	51884	62676	5590	8611	
8	Chhatrapati Sambhaji nagar	8490	104635	131328	9938	13057	
9	Dharashiv	4168	48638	56207	4910	6864	29586
10	Dhule	8111	83122	98299	8553	10179	
11	Gadchiroli	3901	37283	45634	4435	6519	23465
12	Gondia	5351	42804	48946	5522	7248	
13	Hingoli	3321	40799	45073	4189	5857	
14	Jalgaon	11560	125334	152064	13041	15884	
15	Jalna	5202	65867	77855	6444	8991	
16	Kolhapur	11153	87521	104662	12055	12275	
17	Latur	7993	68083	72607	8458	11092	
18	Mumbai City	1614	26233	36943	1704	2087	
19	Mumbai Suburban	8446	130028	176015	9051	11772	
20	Nagpur	6745	92433	108509	8903	13490	
21	Nanded	12361	114782	125650	12945	17589	
22	Nandurbar	6348	72250	83704	6752	10229	33697
23	Nashik	16455	169724	206297	18384	23051	
24	Palghar	6606	78578	103933	7689	9985	
25	Parbhani	3903	49680	57286	4728	6553	
26	Pune	16434	173898	205489	18397	20813	
27	Raigad	5728	60345	75106	6329	7716	
28	Ratnagiri	2991	25146	33674	3151	3217	
29	Sangli	7754	66212	84121	8347	9358	
30	Satara	6201	61983	77968	7375	7939	
31	Sindhudurg	1661	10812	13773	1641	1680	
32	Solapur	11190	117478	145725	12910	14393	
33	Thane	8265	106419	134371	8953	12593	
34	Wardha	2649	30709	37434	3258	4687	
35	Washim	4091	41617	45834	4796	6378	26492
36	Yavatmal	10336	83427	93812	10676	13130	
	Total	258963	2715641	3265349	290518	367929	113240

Annexure III**ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1910 FOR 07.08.2024 REGARDING “POSHAN ABHIYAAN” ASKED BY SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK**

District-Wise details of nutritional indicators for children in the State of Maharashtra as on June 2024*:

S. No	District	Stunted (%) (0-6 years)	Underweight (%) (0-6 years)	Wasted (%) (0-5 years)
1	Ahmednagar	44.45	14.73	3.81
2	Akola	45.46	14.31	5.61
3	Amravati	43.83	20.57	5.13
4	Beed	49.12	17.11	5.52
5	Bhandara	34.54	14.79	5.33
6	Buldana	39.87	17.00	3.36
7	Chandrapur	45.69	20.00	5.13
8	Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar	46.72	19.26	4.69
9	Dharashiv	34.29	13.65	4.15
10	Dhule	51.55	27.97	7.62
11	Gadchiroli	46.34	30.15	7.32
12	Gondia	45.30	18.17	5.59
13	Hingoli	52.11	22.00	6.8
14	Jalgaon	44.06	18.12	3.93
15	Jalna	52.43	19.91	3.52
16	Kolhapur	15.75	6.29	1.81
17	Latur	35.31	12.77	3.56
18	Mumbai City	34.48	16.06	9.2
19	Mumbai Suburban	34.96	16.84	8.68
20	Nagpur	37.76	14.11	5.81
21	Nanded	43.71	15.62	5.21
22	Nandurbar	66.18	48.89	11.26
23	Nashik	47.77	23.96	5.26
24	Palghar	64.64	32.21	3.47
25	Parbhani	51.86	17.86	5.28
26	Pune	33.57	11.26	3.36
27	Raigad	36.86	12.19	2.21
28	Ratnagiri	39.80	14.86	2.49
29	Sangli	26.19	9.37	4.22
30	Satara	36.56	10.16	2.83
31	Sindhudurg	39.42	18.04	3.58
32	Solapur	41.23	11.52	3.27
33	Thane	43.02	20.58	6.55
34	Wardha	47.31	17.04	3.33
35	Washim	32.25	5.00	1.02
36	Yavatmal	48.89	18.68	4.88

* As per Poshan Tracker data
