

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 1118
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024

ICDS PROGRAMME IN JHARKHAND

1118 # SHRI ADITYA PRASAD:

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

- (a) the details of data regarding children and mothers benefitted from the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) programme during the last three years, especially in the State of Jharkhand;
- (b) the funds allocated and utilized for ICDS during the last three financial years, State-wise details thereof including the State of Jharkhand;
- (c) the details of nutritional data regarding children enrolled in ICDS and comparative analysis thereof;
- (d) whether Government have taken any steps to further improve the quality of infrastructure and services under ICDS; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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- (a) The number of children and mothers benefitted under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 during the last three years including the State of Jharkhand is placed at Annexure I.
- (b) The State/UT wise details of funds allocated and utilised during the last three years under Mission Poshan 2.0 Scheme including State of Jharkhand are placed at annexure II.
- (c) Various rounds of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) conducted by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare since 1992-93 have also shown improvement in malnutrition indicators in children across India. Details of these indicators for children 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 Survey	Underweight %	Wasting %	Stunting %
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 the relevant time.

The projected population of all children up to 5 years in India for the year 2021 is 13.75 crores approximately (source: Population Projections for India and States 2011-2036, National Commission on Population, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare). However, only 7.54 crores children up to 5 years are enrolled in Anganwadis and registered on Poshan Tracker of the Ministry of Women & Child Development as per the October 2024 data. 7.31 crores of these children were measured on growth parameters of height and weight. 38.9% of these children have been found to be stunted, 17% children have been found to be underweight and 5.2% wasted.

Further, the projected population of all children in India up to 6 years for the year 2021 is approximately 16.1 crores. As per the October 2024 data of Poshan Tracker, 8.82 crores children (0-6 years) are enrolled in Anganwadis out of whom 8.55 crores were measured on growth parameters. 37% of these children (0-6 years) have been found to be stunted and 17% children (0-6 years) have been found to be underweight.

(d) and (e) Government of India has accorded high priority to the issue of malnutrition, it is implementing several schemes/programmes through different Ministries/Departments through States/UTs to address various aspects related to nutrition. The efforts under the Supplementary Nutrition Programme under Anganwadi Services and Poshan Abhiyaan have been realigned and converged as 'Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0' (Mission Poshan 2.0).

In order to improve the infrastructure facilities at the Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) various steps have been undertaken by the Ministry that, inter alia, include increasing the funding for drinking water facilities and toilets from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.17,000/- per AWC and Rs.12,000/- to Rs.36,000/- per AWC respectively.

Under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, there is a provision of construction of 50000 AWCs buildings over a period of five years @10000 AWCs per year. The cost norms for construction of Anganwadi Centres in convergence with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) have been revised from Rs.7 Lakh per AWC to Rs.12 Lakh per AWC wherein Rs.8.00 Lakh would be provided under MGNREGS, Rs.2.00 Lakh under 15th Finance Commission (FC) (or any other untied funds) and Rs.2.00 Lakh by MWCD per AWC to be shared between Centre and States/UTs in the prescribed cost sharing ratio. Further, States/UTs have also been advised to continue to tap funds for construction of AWC buildings from various schemes such as Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS), Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF), Finance Commission

Grants to Panchayati Raj Institutions, National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), Multi- Sectoral Development Programme (MSDP) of Ministry of Minority Affairs, etc.

During the 15th Finance Commission cycle, 2 lakh Anganwadi Centres @ 40,000 AWCs per year are to be upgraded as Saksham Anganwadis for improved nutrition delivery and for early childhood care and development under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0. Saksham Anganwadis are equipped with infrastructure better than the conventional Anganwadi Centres by providing LED screens, water purifier/installation of RO Machine, Poshan Vatika, ECCE and BALA Paintings. As on date, the total AWCs approved for upgradation as Saksham AWCs is 1,70,337.

Directions have been issued to States/UTs to co-locate Anganwadi Centres, which are running on rent without sufficient infrastructure, at nearby Primary Schools, where space is available.

Further, Government has also decided to upgrade all Mini AWCs with one worker to full-fledged Anganwadi Centres with one worker and one helper each.

Under Mission Poshan 2.0, Anganwadi workers (AWWs) have been technologically empowered with the provision of smartphones for efficient monitoring and service delivery. The mobile application Poshan Tracker digitizes physical registers used by Anganwadi workers. This improves the quality of their work while simultaneously allowing them real-time monitoring of the all activities in the Anganwadi.

In addition to AWWs, Smartphones are provided to Supervisors and Block Coordinators also. Similarly, data recharge support is provided to AWWs, Supervisors and Block Coordinators.

Regular monitoring of growth parameters is essential for identifying children who may be malnourished and to make timely interventions. Therefore, Anganwadi centres have been equipped with Growth Monitoring Devices like infantometer, stadiometer, weighing scale- infant, weighing scale – Mother & Child.

Annexure I

Statement referred to in reply to Part (a) of Rajya Sabha Un-Starred Question No. 1118 to be answered on 04.12.2024 regarding "ICDS programme in Jharkhand" by Shri Aditya Prasad.

State/UT wise number of beneficiaries under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 during the last three years

S. No	State/UT	2021-22			2022-23			2023-24		
		Total Children (6 months - 6 years)	Pregnant & lactating Mothers (P&LM)	Total Beneficiaries (Children 6 month-6 years plus P&LM)	Total Children (6 months - 6 years)	Pregnant & lactating Mothers (P&LM)	Total Beneficiaries (Children 6 month-6 years plus P&LM)	Total Children (6 months - 6 years)	Pregnant & lactating Mothers (P&LM)	Total Beneficiaries (Children 6 month-6 years plus P&LM)
1	A & N Islands	16267	2415	18682	13303	1637	14940	12607	362.7	12969.7
2	Andhra Pradesh	2713794	552455	3266249	2384664	297048	2681712	2935091	76342.37	3011433.37
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2946	274	3220	56638	2713	59351	80702	1774.57	82476.57
4	Assam	3281907	521819	3803726	3030996	297251	3328247	2992913	85453.1	3078366.1
5	Bihar	9335722	1509202	10844924	8995492	721488	9716980	9795042	273643.03	10068685
6	Chandigarh	48976	9262	58238	41503	6219	47722	43319	1329.83	44648.83
7	Chhattisgarh	2307117	362231	2669348	2160422	148187	2308609	2495909	66984.58	2562893.58
8	D & N Haveli - Daman & Diu	32493	8775	41268	23886	7655	31541	31428	955.33	32383.33
9	Delhi	753006	166630	919636	555049	102866	657915	644403	17825.74	662228.74
10	Goa	62064	10508	72572	57216	9704	66920	62097	1695.75	63792.75
11	Gujarat	3560600	726808	4287408	3214441	518129	3732570	3542531	98065.7	3640596.7
12	Haryana	839720	136936	976656	1700043	255015	1955058	1877034	45658.09	1922692.09
13	Himachal Pradesh	429929	90028	519957	399779	80803	480582	532431	15799.21	548230.21
14	Jammu & Kashmir	724098	117490	841588	682885	93009	775894	780949	23226.49	804175.49
15	Jharkhand	2799686	551537	3351223	3112075	378618	3490693	3152832	82141.09	3234973.09

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16	Karnataka	4244000	885945	5129945	3589406	426546	4015952	3771022	103953.35	3874975.35
17	Kerala	2185435	370757	2556192	1997323	289502	2286825	2138417	56817	2195234
18	Laddakh	18453	2540	20993	16881	1680	18561	17962	538.13	18500.13
19	Lakshadweep	2862	682	3544	5299	675	5974	4969	155.65	5124.65
20	Madhya Pradesh	6341828	1258172	7600000	6349835	347195	6697030	7212665	193793.03	7406458.03
21	Maharashtra	6459713	1022450	7482163	6251221	820903	7072124	6673427	178010.36	6851437.36
22	Manipur	242020	28881	270901	265667	21829	287496	271477	7714.7	279191.7
23	Meghalaya	401170	47466	448636	392822	25303	418125	393590	11227.49	404817.49
24	Mizoram	108163	17252	125415	109020	13740	122760	115004	3253.25	118257.25
25	Nagaland	72790	7655	80445	59997	422	60419	110862	2047.54	112909.54
26	Odisha	3584333	673901	4258234	3460488	460793	3921281	3890657	107787.82	3998444.82
27	Puducherry	31793	8258	40051	33251	5455	38706	35026	971.27	35997.27
28	Punjab	23158	540	23698	962315	80199	1042514	1455805	39060.35	1494865.35
29	Rajasthan	4082312	867541	4949853	3850005	674836	4524841	4288827	112941.23	4401768.23
30	Sikkim	29804	5464	35268	30343	3563	33906	32166	886.53	33052.53
31	Tamil Nadu	2944855	797286	3742141	3120329	614819	3735148	3847602	105810.75	3953412.75
32	Telangana	1984239	411496	2395735	1790272	282617	2072889	2089922	55574.78	2145496.78
33	Tripura	313554	53666	367220	302599	34808	337407	324618	9157.95	333775.95
34	Uttar Pradesh	15823305	3395099	19218404	17170999	3297461	20468460	21318850	589742.66	21908592.7
35	Uttarakhand	710733	128217	838950	669156	92272	761428	732245	21569.18	753814.18
36	West Bengal	3913530	735534	4649064	7471646	1018589	8490235	8287646	231036.88	8518682.88
All India		80426375	15485172	95911547	84327266	11433549	95760815	95992047	2623307.5	98615354.5

Annexure II

Statement referred to in reply to Part (b) of Rajya Sabha Un-Starred Question No. 1118 to be answered on 04.12.2024 regarding “ICDS programme in Jharkhand” by Shri Aditya Prasad.

**State wise funds released and utilized year wise under Mission Saksham Anganwadi
Poshan 2.0 in last three years**

S. No.	Name of the State	Amount in ₹ crores				
		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24*
		Funds released	Fund utilised	Funds released	Fund utilised	Funds released
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	19.71	13.36	3.85	3.88	12.15
2	Andhra Pradesh	744.60	749.91	827.79	721.45	705.68
3	Arunachal Pradesh	170.83	230.77	137.78	145.74	162.06
4	Assam	1319.90	1432.19	1651.63	1717.00	2233.31
5	Bihar	1574.43	1608.02	1740.09	1586.61	1859.29
6	Chandigarh	15.32	23.09	33.10	34.33	19.79
7	Chhattisgarh	606.73	522.72	668.96	571.80	579.46
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	9.33	9.56	5.80	5.80	11.97
9	Delhi	133.11	125.52	182.77	142.84	161.81
10	Goa	10.84	12.92	14.71	16.83	13.95
11	Gujarat	839.86	757.92	912.64	552.30	1126.80
12	Haryana	173.03	146.99	195.25	150.24	225.78
13	Himachal Pradesh	247.99	386.68	270.24	247.76	301.09
14	Jammu & Kashmir	405.74	704.57	479.01	416.23	530.88
15	Jharkhand	352.98	183.30	430.91	596.03	664.30
16	Karnataka	1003.70	984.62	765.87	885.65	912.96
17	Kerala	388.23	397.98	444.98	325.43	306.64
18	Ladakh	14.70	14.67	18.79	18.79	19.62
19	Lakshadweep	2.11	2.73	0.44	0.44	2.88
20	Madhya Pradesh	1085.47	1055.83	1011.57	1038.67	1123.11
21	Maharashtra	1713.39	1609.02	1646.17	1589.97	1699.52
22	Manipur	228.92	177.28	135.95	167.74	201.28
23	Meghalaya	173.33	177.86	192.39	200.24	269.69
24	Mizoram	59.32	61.57	42.81	53.02	100.27
25	Nagaland	159.80	160.21	199.30	190.47	262.91

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		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24*
		Funds released	Fund utilised	Funds released	Fund utilised	Funds released
26	Odisha	1065.98	871.20	923.92	884.96	968.80
27	Puducherry	2.78	6.13	0.12	6.68	4.48
28	Punjab	383.52	177.94	75.31	247.25	307.87
29	Rajasthan	682.65	771.64	974.02	936.17	1091.96
30	Sikkim	25.73	24.59	20.33	24.09	33.49
31	Tamil Nadu	655.38	681.28	766.81	741.30	880.79
32	Telangana	482.33	479.30	550.69	503.33	507.87
33	Tripura	186.72	171.66	150.52	186.55	244.22
34	Uttar Pradesh	2407.55	2341.91	2721.87	2622.64	2668.69
35	Uttarakhand	353.65	336.03	425.84	364.77	288.24
36	West Bengal	668.35	1378.31	1227.59	1455.89	1237.56
Total		18368.01	18789.28	19849.82	19352.89	21741.17

*Utilisation Certificate not yet due.
