

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. \*137**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025

**MONITORING OF ANGANWADI SERVICES**

\* 137 SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY:

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

- (a) the services extended by the Anganwadi workers under the scheme;
- (b) the benefits extended to pregnant women and lactating mothers and how many have been benefited in the last three years;
- (c) whether the services rendered by Anganwadi workers are satisfactory, if not, whether any complaint has been received so far from any quarters on the matter; and
- (d) whether in nurturing the children under the age of 6 years in Anganwadi centres there is no regular monitoring mechanism, if so, the action laid down in these areas?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 137 ASKED BY SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025 REGARDING “MONITORING OF ANGANWADI SERVICES”**

(a) to (d): During the 15th Finance Commission (FC) period, various components such as nutritional support for children from 6 months to the age of 6 years, pregnant women and lactating mothers and Adolescent Girls; Early Childhood Care and Education of children (3-6 years) and Anganwadi infrastructure including modern, upgraded Saksham Anganwadi have been reorganised under an umbrella Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0). Package of the following six services is provided under the Mission Poshan 2.0 scheme through a network of Anganwadi centres across the country:

- i. Supplementary Nutrition (SNP),
- ii. Pre-school Non-formal Education,
- iii. Nutrition & Health Education,
- iv. Immunization,
- v. Health Check-up,
- vi. Referral Services

Three of the six services, viz., Immunization, Health Check-up and Referral Services are related to health and are provided through National Health Mission (NHM) & Public Health Infrastructure.

Mission Poshan 2.0 seeks to address the challenge of malnutrition through improved nutrition content and delivery. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, where the responsibility of implementation lies with the States/UTs.

Under this Mission, a new strategy has been made for reduction in malnutrition and for improved health, wellness and immunity through activities like community engagement, outreach, behavioral change, and advocacy. It focuses on Maternal Nutrition, Infant and Young Child Feeding Norms, treatment of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)/ Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) and wellness through AYUSH practices.

Under this Mission, Supplementary Nutrition is provided to Children (6 months to 6 years), Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers and Adolescent Girls to beat the inter-generational cycle of malnutrition by adopting a life cycle approach. Supplementary nutrition is provided in accordance with the nutrition norms contained in Schedule-II of the National Food Security Act. These norms have been revised and upgraded last year. The old norms were largely calorie-specific; however, the revised norms are more comprehensive and balanced in terms of both quantity and quality of supplementary nutrition based on the principles of diet diversity that provides quality protein, healthy fats and micronutrients.

Fortified rice is being supplied to Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) to meet the requirement of micro-nutrients and to control anaemia among women and children. Greater emphasis is being laid on the use of millets for preparation of Hot Cooked Meal at least once a week and Take Home ration at Anganwadi centers.

During last three years Supplementary nutrition has been provided to approx. 3.48 crores Lactating mothers and Pregnant women.

Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme and the implementation of the scheme falls under the ambit of State Government/ UT Administration. This Ministry continuously monitors the implementation of Mission 2.0 through sustained engagement with the States/UTs through Video Conferences, meetings and through Online Poshan Tracker System. There is also a detailed annual review with each State and UT about the progress made in the previous year and proposals of States & UTs for the next year.

Ministry has issued guidelines to all States/UTs on 13.01.2021 to streamline several aspects such as quality assurance, roles and responsibilities of duty holders, procedure for procurement, integrating AYUSH concepts and data management and monitoring through “Poshan Tracker” for transparency, efficiency and accountability in the delivery of Supplementary Nutrition.

Under the guidelines, the District Magistrate (DM) has been designated as the Nodal Point in the district for monitoring nutritional status of beneficiaries and quality standards. A District Nutrition Committee under the chairpersonship of DM/Collector with certified nutrition experts as members has been constituted to review the progress every month. The usual supervisory levels of Anganwadi Supervisor, CDPO and District Program Officer continue to be fully responsible for day-to-day monitoring & implementation of supplementary nutrition program as well as other related aspects.

Further Anganwadi workers (AWWs) have been technologically empowered with the provision of smartphones for efficient monitoring of activities and better service delivery for beneficiaries. In addition to AWWs, Smartphones are also provided to Supervisors and Block Coordinators. 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 for making timely interventions. Therefore, Anganwadi centres have been equipped with Growth Monitoring devices like infantometer, stadiometer, weighing scale-infant, weighing scale – Mother & Child.

IT systems have been leveraged to strengthen and bring about transparency in nutrition delivery support systems at the Anganwadi centres. The ‘Poshan Tracker’ application was rolled out on 1st March 2021 as an important governance tool.

The Poshan Tracker facilitates monitoring and tracking of all AWCs, AWWs and beneficiaries on defined indicators. Technology under Poshan Tracker is being leveraged for dynamic identification of stunting, wasting, under-weight prevalence among children. It has facilitated almost real time data collection for Anganwadi Services such as daily attendance, Early Childhood Care Education (ECCE), Provision of Hot Cooked Meal (HCM)/Take Home Ration (THR-not raw ration), Growth Measurement etc. The App also offers counselling videos on key behaviours and services which help disseminate messages on birth preparedness, delivery, post-natal care, breastfeeding and

complementary feeding. States/UTs can see their progress on various indicators on the Poshan Tracker dashboard on monthly basis and can make course correction wherever required.

In addition, Ministry of Women & Child Development and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare jointly released the protocol for Community Management of Malnutrition (CMAM) to prevent and treat severe acute malnutrition children thereby reducing associated morbidity and mortality. The community-based approach involves timely detection and screening of children with severe acute malnutrition in the community, management for those without medical complications with wholesome, local nutritious foods at home and supportive medical care. Those malnourished children who have medical complications are referred for facility-based care.

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