

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 2230
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2025

POSHAN 2.0 SCHEME

2230. DR. KALPANA SAINI:

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

- (a) whether Government is providing digital learning and smart facilities in Saksham Anganwadi Centres, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of children and pregnant women benefited so far under Poshan 2.0 scheme, the State-wise details thereof and;
- (c) whether Government has increased the salary and information of Anganwadi workers, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) During the 15th Finance Commission cycle, 2 lakh Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) located in Government buildings @ 40,000 AWCs per year are to be strengthened and upgraded as Saksham Anganwadis for improved nutrition delivery and for Early Childhood Care and Education under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0. Saksham Anganwadis are to be provided with better infrastructure than the conventional Anganwadi Centres including LED screens, water purifier/installation of RO Machine, Poshan Vatika, ECCE related books and learning material etc. As on date, 2 Lakh Anganwadi Centres have been approved for upgradation to Saksham Anganwadi Centres.

(b) State/UT wise details of beneficiaries under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 are placed at Annexure.

(c) Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) are “honorary workers” from the local community who voluntarily come forward to render their services in the area of child care and development to help the community for which they are paid honorarium. Government of India increases the honorarium of AWWs/AWHs from time to time. From 1st October, 2018, Government of India has enhanced the honorarium of AWWs at main-AWCs from Rs.3,000/- to Rs.4,500/- per month; AWWs at mini- AWCs from Rs.2,250/- to Rs.3,500/- per month; AWHs from Rs.1,500/- to Rs.2,250/- per month; and introduced performance linked

incentive of Rs.250/- per month for AWHs and Rs.500/- to AWWs. In addition, States/UTs are also paying additional monetary incentives/honorarium to these functionaries from their own resources which vary from State to State.

With a view to incentivize and encourage the Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs), various initiatives have been undertaken including the following:

- i. **Promotion:** Under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, promotional opportunities for Anganwadi Workers have been enhanced. 50% posts of Anganwadi Workers are to be filled by Anganwadi Helpers with 5 years of experience and 50% posts of Supervisors are to be filled by promotion of Anganwadi Workers with 5 years of experience subject to fulfilment of other criteria.
- ii. **Social Security Insurance Schemes:** Insurance benefits have been provided to Anganwadi Workers and Helpers under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) for life cover worth Rs.2.00 lakh (covers life risk, death due to any reason) in the age group of 18 to 50 years and under Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana for accidental cover of Rs.2.00 Lakh (accidental death and permanent full disability) /Rs.1.00 Lakh (partial but permanent disability) in the age group of 18-59 years.
- iii. State Governments and UT Administrations have been requested to encourage eligible AWWs and AWHs to get themselves enrolled under the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mandhan (PM-SYM) Pension Scheme, which is a voluntary and contributory pension scheme for the unorganized sectors in the country to ensure old age protection.
- iv. **Retirement date:** States and UTs have been requested to adopt a uniform retirement date i.e 30th April of each year with respect to Anganwadi Workers and Helpers to ensure proper human resource planning.
- v. It has been announced in the interim budget FY 2024-25 to extend healthcare annual coverage of Rs. 5 Lakhs under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) to all Anganwadi workers and helpers.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (B) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2230 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2025 REGARDING “POSHAN 2.0 SCHEME”

State wise details of children and pregnant women registered on Poshan Tracker as on 15 March 2025 are as follows:

S. No.	State	Pregnant Women	Children 0-6 Months	Children 6M-3 Years	Children 3-6 Years
1	Andhra Pradesh	2,12,969	1,70,243	13,11,471	11,48,184
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1,983	2,416	31,418	51,146
3	Assam	1,21,809	1,25,682	10,28,196	15,98,906
4	Bihar	5,22,832	3,27,510	38,20,913	53,75,260
5	Chhattisgarh	1,59,621	1,34,975	9,93,516	11,07,060
6	Goa	3,301	3,927	31,716	14,685
7	Gujarat	2,09,137	1,90,170	13,77,176	14,98,939
8	Haryana	1,19,362	92,728	6,91,577	9,50,123
9	Himachal Pradesh	32,879	33,835	2,04,772	2,37,975
10	Jharkhand	1,59,664	1,12,610	12,02,283	14,89,284
11	Karnataka	3,29,684	2,18,267	17,46,442	17,96,818
12	Kerala	1,13,617	87,027	7,08,850	10,38,880
13	Madhya Pradesh	4,47,037	3,55,788	26,45,001	35,86,113
14	Maharashtra	3,15,321	2,99,954	23,66,227	32,57,036
15	Manipur	8,130	9,511	93,291	1,64,361
16	Meghalaya	9,612	11,171	1,18,661	2,17,503
17	Mizoram	5,487	4,300	39,848	60,845
18	Nagaland	783	1,400	35,445	63,904
19	Odisha	2,70,043	2,09,650	14,16,269	18,13,659
20	Punjab	80,345	94,717	6,17,800	7,42,111
21	Rajasthan	2,99,271	2,21,640	17,75,294	16,79,593

22	Sikkim	1,262	1,431	11,046	16,914
23	Tamil Nadu	2,92,149	2,36,475	16,75,209	17,76,630
24	Telangana	1,46,832	1,15,238	9,11,267	8,63,354
25	Tripura	14,238	11,838	1,12,258	1,66,448
26	Uttar Pradesh	12,82,858	10,01,776	90,30,405	95,70,835
27	Uttarakhand	54,395	51,751	3,57,679	2,50,708
28	West Bengal	5,18,990	4,71,981	31,15,271	40,25,930
29	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	762	693	6,748	3,841
30	Dadra & Nagar Haveli - Daman & Diu	2,742	2,232	15,701	14,152
31	Delhi	55,685	60,587	3,26,236	1,48,510
32	J&K	50,279	39,544	3,40,934	4,15,897
33	Ladakh	1,063	808	7,729	8,613
34	Lakshadweep	363	357	2,723	925
35	Puducherry	3,009	2,806	22,886	5,100
36	Chandigarh	3,260	3,167	16,216	17,540
	Total	58,50,774	47,08,205	3,82,08,474	4,51,77,782
