

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3193  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.08.2025**

**CYBER AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS**

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

- (a) the details of the new phase of Cyber Security Awareness Programme launched by the Ministry targeting Anganwadi Workers including grassroots personnel and related state-level stakeholders;
- (b) whether Government has conducted any workshop or training session to educate frontline workers on online safety; and
- (c) the outcome of the collaborations made with various cyber security expert bodies aimed at strengthening the digital capabilities of frontline workers?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) Under the 15th Finance Commission, various components like Anganwadi services, Poshan Abhiyaan and Scheme for Adolescent girls (of 14-18 years in Aspirational Districts and North-Eastern region) have been subsumed under the umbrella Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0) to address the challenge of malnutrition. It is a Centrally Sponsored mission, where the responsibility for implementation of various activities lies with the States and UTs. This mission is a universal self-selecting umbrella scheme where there are no entry barriers for any beneficiary to register and receive services. This mission is being implemented across the country.

The objectives of Mission are as follows:

- To contribute to development of human capital in the country;
- Address challenge of malnutrition;
- Promote nutrition awareness and good eating habits for sustainable health and wellbeing

In order to achieve these objectives, the training and capacity building of Anganwadi Workers is important. The Ministry has drafted a training schedule, involving a cascading model of training, wherein Master Trainers (namely, District Officers, Block Coordinators and Supervisors) are trained through Savitribai Phule National Institute of Women and Child Development (SPNIWCD), and the master trainers then train the Anganwadi Workers in the field. Further, NeGD is regularly conducting field level trainings/workshops directly for Anganwadi Workers regarding use of the Poshan Tracker Application. Multiple rounds of training have been held both virtually and physically, in various districts across the country. The Poshan Tracker application is typically used by Anganwadi Workers, and it is not open to the public or any unauthorized party. Access is role-based, logged and monitored to prevent misuse.

While there is no separate structured awareness programme on cyber awareness, during the Poshan Tracker trainings, SLMTs and Anganwadi Workers are taught about keeping their login credentials secured.

Various Data Protection Safeguards related to privacy exist in Poshan Tracker. Some of the data protection safeguards are mentioned below:

- The Poshan Tracker application is typically used by Anganwadi Workers, and it is not open to the public or any unauthorized party. Access is role-based, logged and monitored to prevent misuse.
- Further, the application's internal database is encrypted, preventing access to sensitive information outside the app environment
- The data of the beneficiary, which is collected, is subject to all existing data protection protocols, which mandates purpose limitation, informed consent, and access restrictions.
- All requests and responses related to Face Verification are encrypted during transit, ensuring data is protected from interception or tampering.
- No images or data are stored permanently on the device. As a precautionary measure, all cached or temporary data is wiped automatically when the AWW logs out of the application.
- The private data is not publicly accessible; it is only available to authorized personnel solely for verification purposes.
- Face images are handled in encoded format within the app to ensure safe processing and transmission.

Further, the Ministry through Savitri Bai Phule National Institute of Women and Child Development has provided training to different stakeholders related to safety and security of women and children, including Superintendents, counsellor, Social worker, and other functionaries of CCIs, case worker, and centre administrator of One Stop Centre (OSC) etc. on cyber security/safety. The year-wise details of training programmes including number of programmes conducted and number of participants trained from 2022-2025 are enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA QUESTION NO. 3193 FOR 20.08.2025 REGARDING “CYBER AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS”**

The year-wise details of training programmes including number of programmes conducted and number of participants trained from 2022-2025 by Savitri Bai Phule National Institute of Women and Child Development are as follows:

**Year-wise Details of Training Programmes conducted on Cyber Safety from 2022-25**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>No. of Programmes</b>
1.	2022-23	01
2.	2023-24	02
3.	2024-25	09
4.	2025-26 (till July 2025)	13
<b>Total</b>		<b>25</b>

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