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MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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IMPLEMENTATION OF WOMEN AND CHILD WELFARE SCHEMES IN PUNJAB

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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made under Poshan Abhiyaan in Punjab during the last three years, including the funds sanctioned and released by Central Government;
- (b) whether Government has undertaken any assessment of the impact of Poshan Abhiyaan on reducing malnutrition among women and children in Punjab, and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of Working Women Hostels and One Stop Centres (Sakhi Centres) functioning in Punjab, along with Central assistance released for these facilities during the last three years; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to sanction additional Working Women Hostels and One Stop Centres in Punjab, and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) To address the challenges of malnutrition, 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). It is a Centrally Sponsored mission, where the responsibility for implementation of various activities lies with the States and UTs. The Mission is being implemented in all States and UTs in the country. This Mission is a universal self-selecting umbrella scheme open to all eligible beneficiaries.

Under this Mission, Supplementary Nutrition is provided to Children (6 months to 6 years), Pregnant Women, Lactating Mothers and Adolescent Girls in accordance with the nutrition norms contained in Schedule-II of the National Food Security Act, 2013. These norms have been revised

in January 2023. 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 for quality protein, healthy fats and micronutrients (Calcium, Zinc, Iron, Dietary Folate, Vitamin A, Vitamin-B6 and Vitamin B-12). Extra Supplementary Nutrition is provided to Severely Acutely Malnourished (SAM) children as per National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA).

The details of funds released under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 in the State of Punjab during the last three years are as under:

(Rs in crores)

FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
307.87	265.48	190.73

Poshan tracker data on beneficiaries covered and nutritional status of children in Punjab is available at the following link: <https://www.poshantracker.in/statistics>.

(c) & (d) The details of funds released during the last three years & number of operational units under One Stop Centres and Sakhi Niwas (Working Women Hostels) schemes in the State of Punjab are as under:

Scheme	Funds released in FY 2023-24 (Rs. in Lakhs)	Funds released in FY 2024-25 (Rs. in Lakhs)	Funds released in FY 2025-26 (Rs. in Lakhs)	Operational Units
One Stop Centres	389.01	438.10	423.65	23
Sakhi Niwas (Working Women Hostels)	0.00	0.00	1.004	1
