

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2076
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2026

**IMPLEMENTATION OF MISSION SHAKTI, MISSION SAKSHAM ANGANWADI
& POSHAN 2.0 AND MISSION VATSALYA**

2076. SHRI LAHAR SINGH SIROYA:

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

- (a) whether Government has strengthened the implementation of Mission Shakti, Mission Saksham Anganwadi & POSHAN 2.0 and Mission Vatsalya to improve the welfare, nutrition, safety and empowerment of women and children across the country including Karnataka;
- (b) the details of beneficiaries covered under these Missions during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of funds allocated and released, Mission-wise; and
- (d) the major outcomes achieved through these flagship initiatives?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Various schemes implemented by the Ministry of Women & Child Development to improve the welfare, nutrition, safety and empowerment of women and children across the country including Karnataka have been reviewed and clubbed into three Umbrella Missions, viz. (1) Mission Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 for improving nutrition & health indicators (2) Mission Shakti, for safety, protection and empowerment of women; and (3) Mission Vatsalya, for protection, care and welfare of children in difficult circumstances. Details of the schemes are as under:

(i) Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0): In the 15th Finance Commission, components of nutritional support for children below the age of 6 years, pregnant women and lactating mothers, Adolescent Girls (14 – 18 years); Early Childhood Care and Education [3-6 years]; Anganwadi infrastructure including modern, upgraded Saksham Anganwadi, Poshan Abhiyaan and Scheme for Adolescent Girls have been reorganised under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0).

Under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, a package of six services are provided to the eligible beneficiaries i.e Supplementary Nutrition (SNP), Pre-school Non-Formal Education, Nutrition & Health Education, Immunization, Health Check-up, and 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 Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 is a Centrally Sponsored scheme. Central Government is responsible for the overall planning and policy under the scheme whereas its day-to-day implementation falls under the ambit of State Government or UT administration.

Further, Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG) was revised from 01.04.2022 onwards and was subsumed under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0. The Scheme aims at providing nutritional support to Adolescent Girls (AGs) [14-18 years] for improving their health and nutritional status under the nutrition component and providing them IFA supplementation, Health check-up and Referral Service, Nutrition & Health Education and Skilling etc. under non-nutrition component of the Scheme. The targeted beneficiaries under the Scheme are AGs in the age group of 14 to 18 years in Aspirational Districts and all North Eastern States.

(ii) Mission Shakti: The ‘Mission Shakti’ aims at strengthening interventions for women safety, security and empowerment. It seeks to focus on proposing strategies for improving convergence across Ministries/ Departments and at different levels of governance. Mission Shakti comprises of two sub-schemes ‘Sambal’ and ‘Samarthya’ for safety and security of women and empowerment of women respectively.

The “Sambal” sub-scheme is for safety and security of women. It has the components of One Stop Centres (OSCs), Women Helpline (WHL), Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) and Nari Adalat.

- **One Stop Centres (OSCs)-** One Stop Centre (OSC) provides integrated and immediate support and assistance under one roof to women affected by violence and those in distress, both in private and public spaces all across the country. It provides services like medical aid, legal aid and advice, temporary shelter, police assistance and psycho-social counselling to needy women.
- **Women Helpline (WHL)-** Women Helpline (WHL-181) provides 24-hour toll-free telecommunication services to support women in both emergency and non-emergency situations. It offers assistance to women affected by violence and provides information about government schemes and services all across the country.
- **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP)-** Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme was launched on 22nd January 2015 to help address Child Sex Ratio (CSR) and related issues of empowerment of girls and women over a life cycle continuum. Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme has transformed from policy initiative into national movement by mobilizing various stakeholders, including government agencies, media civil society and general public.
- **Nari Adalat-** Nari Adalat scheme provides a platform for alternative grievance redressal for women at the gram panchayat level. The Adalats are mandated to help women in distress at the panchayat level in resolving smaller issues relating to domestic violence, and other gender-based violence by negotiation, mediation, and reconciliation with mutual consent for accessible justice.

The “Samarthya” sub scheme is for empowerment of women. It has the components of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), Shakti Sadan, Sakhi Niwas, Palna and SANKALP: Hub for Empowerment of Women (HEW).

- **Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)-** Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) is being implemented w.e.f. 01.01.2017 across 35 States and UTs in the country (excluding Telangana, which is under process of onboarding on the PMMVY portal). PMMVY is a Centrally Sponsored Maternity Benefit Scheme under which cash incentives of ₹5,000/- is provided directly to the Bank/ Post Office account of the beneficiary in Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode for first child. The eligible beneficiaries receive the remaining cash incentive, as per approved norms towards maternity benefit under Janani Suraksha Yojana after institutional delivery, so that on an average a woman gets ₹6,000/-. Cash incentive of ₹6,000/- is also provided under PMMVY to eligible beneficiaries for second child subject to the second child being a girl.
- **Shakti Sadan-** Under the overarching ‘Mission Shakti’, erstwhile schemes of ‘Swadhar Greh’ for women in difficult circumstances and ‘Ujjawala Home’ for Prevention of Trafficking, have been merged w. e. f. 01.04.2022 and known as ‘Shakti Sadan Scheme’, which is an Integrated Relief and Rehabilitation Home-for women in distressful situations including trafficked women. It aims at creating a safe and enabling environment for the women in such difficult situations, to enable them to overcome the adverse circumstances.
- **Sakhi Niwas-** The Sakhi Niwas Scheme (Working Women Hostel) is a demand driven centrally sponsored scheme, under which funds are released directly to the States/UTs for implementation of the scheme and aims to promote availability of safe and conveniently located accommodation for working women in urban, semi-urban and even rural areas where employment opportunity for women exist.
- **Palna-** Palna Scheme is implemented with the aim of expanding the outreach of crèches to ensure that women everywhere have the opportunity to work and do not drop out from workforce because of care responsibilities. Palna aims to provide day-care crèche facilities to the children (06 months – 06 years).
- **SANKALP: Hub for Empowerment of Women (HEW) -** The SANKALP: HEW (Hub for Empowerment of Women) which functions as a Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) for all components of Mission Shakti. It serves as a single window system to bridge the information and knowledge gap regarding schemes and facilities available for women as well as guide them to avail the benefits and entitlements.

(iii) Mission Vatsalya: The Ministry of Women and Child Development is the nodal Ministry for the administration of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (JJ Act, 2015) which is the primary legislation for ensuring safety, security, dignity and well-being of children and is implemented by all the States and Union Territories. The Act creates statutory structures at the State and District levels which include State Child Protection Society, Child Welfare Committees, Juvenile Justice Boards (JJBs), District Child Protection Units. It also provides for establishment of Child Care Institutions (CCIs).

This Ministry is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely ‘Mission Vatsalya’ in all States and Union Territories on predefined cost sharing basis between the Central and the State Governments to deliver various services for children in difficult circumstances. The scheme provides institutional care and non-institutional care. Child Care Institutions (CCIs)

established under the Mission Vatsalya scheme provide, *inter-alia*, age-appropriate education, access to vocational training, recreation, health care, counselling etc. Under Non-Institutional Care Service, support is provided through Sponsorship, Foster Care and After Care.

The scheme also provides for emergency outreach services (24x7x365) for children in difficult circumstances through Child Helpline (1098) which is integrated with Emergency Response Support System-112 (ERSS-112) Helpline of Ministry of Home Affairs and Women Helpline (181).

The details of beneficiaries covered under the Missions of the Ministry during the last three years and the current year are at **Annexure-I**.

The details of the funds released under the Missions of the Ministry during the last three years and the current year are at **Annexure-II**.

Various rounds of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) conducted by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) have shown improvement in malnutrition indicators in children across the country. Details of these indicators for children between NFHS-4 and NFHS-6 are placed below:

Sr.No.	Indicator (%)	NFHS-4 (2015-16)	NFHS-6 (2023-24)
1.	Children under 5 years who are stunted (Height-for-age)	38.4	29.3
2.	Children under 5 years who are underweight (Weight-for-age)	35.8	31.8
3.	Children under 5 years who are wasted (Weight-for-height)	21.0	19.0

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PARTS (A) TO (D) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2076 FOR 05.08.2026 BY SHRI LAHAR SINGH SIROYA REGARDING 'IMPLEMENTATION OF MISSION SHAKTI, MISSION SAKSHAM ANGANWADI & POSHAN 2.0 AND MISSION VATSALYA'

Details of beneficiaries covered under the schemes of the Ministry during the last three years and the current year

Mission	Scheme	Category	Number of Beneficiaries			
			FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27
Mission Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0		Poshan tracker data on number of beneficiaries is available at the following link: https://www.poshantracker.in/statistics .				
Mission Vatsalya		Beneficiaries in Institutional Care	62,592	76,882	80,511	80,511*
		Beneficiaries in Non-Institutional Care	1,21,861	1,70,895	1,70,598	1,70,598*
Mission Shakti	One Stop Centre	Women assisted	1,83,278	2,28,910	3,00,232	1,01,042(up to 30.06.2026)
	Women Helpline	Women assisted	10,17,229	12,08,235	12,70,871	4,11,511(up to 30.06.2026)
	Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana	Beneficiaries paid	25,03,962	80,80,366	71,29,516	18,41,163 (as on 20.07.2026)
	Shakti Sadan	Beneficiaries in Shakti Sadan	24,753	28,263	42,822	18,213(01.04.2026 to 30.06.2026)
	Sakhi Niwas	Beneficiaries in Sakhi Niwas	48,599	37,664	67,409	31,001((01.04.2026 to 30.06.2026)
	SANKALP: HEW	Women Beneficiaries	0	49,816	4,09,266	3,03,208(till 30.07.2026)
	Palna	Beneficiaries in Palna	43,000(as on 20.07.2026)			

***Tentative figure calculated on the basis of last year's figures. Final beneficiary data ascertained after end of financial year.**

Annexure-II

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Details of the funds released under the schemes of the Ministry during the last three years and current year

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Financial Year	Mission Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0	Mission Vatsalya	Mission Shakti
1.	2023-24	21741.17	1341.67	1409.07
2.	2024-25	20904.83	1394.33	1819.2
3.	2025-26	16777.37	1033.25	1697.07
4.	2026-27	5754.98 (as on 20.07.2026)	137.14(as on 26.07.2026)	477.67 (as on 20.07.2026)
