

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
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SAKSHAM ANGANWADI AND POSHAN 2.0 SCHEME

472. SHRI R. DHARMAR:

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

- (a) whether Government will furnish a chronological account of the implementation of the Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0 scheme since its launch in 2021, indicating year-wise targets and achievements relating to the upgradation of Anganwadi Centres, infrastructure development, digitalisation, nutrition services and early childhood care and education;
- (b) year-wise details of funds allocated, released and utilised under the scheme, State-wise, including Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) whether Government has assessed the progress in reducing malnutrition, anaemia, stunting and wasting among children and improving maternal nutrition under the scheme and if so, the outcome thereof?

ANSWER

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

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

Under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, two lakh Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) located in Government buildings have been sanctioned as Saksham Anganwadis for delivery of improved nutrition and for Early Childhood Care and Education in the 15th Finance Commission cycle. Saksham Anganwadis are provided with infrastructure such as LED screens, water filtration system, Poshan Vatika, Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) material and Building as Learning Aid (BALA) paintings.

Under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, various steps have been undertaken to improve the infrastructure facilities at Anganwadi Centres (AWCs). During 15th Finance

Commission cycle, 40,000 Anganwadi Centres have been sanctioned for construction in convergence with MGNREGS.

Various other initiatives have been undertaken for construction of AWCs under PM JANMAN and Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan for the targeted development of Tribal population and VVP (Vibrant Village Programme) - Phase I, focusing on Northern border areas.

Also, in order to improve the infrastructure facilities at AWCs, funds @Rs.17,000/- for providing drinking water facilities and @Rs.36,000/- for construction of toilets are provided to States and UTs. A total of 1,58,966 AWCs have been approved for providing drinking water facilities and 1,42,522 AWCs for construction of toilets across the country.

Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) has been implemented as a key component of Mission Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0 to promote the holistic development of children in the 0–6 years age group through age-appropriate early childhood stimulation (0–3 years) and play-based pre-school education (3–6 years) at Anganwadi Centres (AWCs). To strengthen ECCE services, the Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi (PBPB) initiative was launched in 2023.

Under PBPB, Ministry has developed two National curriculum frameworks (i) Navchetana and (ii) Aadharshila. Navchetna is Framework for Early Childhood Stimulation (0–3 years) and Aadharshila is Curriculum for ECCE (3–6 years). Both have been adopted by all States and UTs and are available in 12 Indian languages through the Poshan Tracker and the Ministry's website.

To support quality pre-school education, an annual allocation of ₹3,000 per AWC is provided for Pre-School Education (PSE) Kits. Under PBPB initiatives, capacity building of Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) is being undertaken through a nationwide cascade training module through Savitribai Phule National Institute of Women and Child Development (SPNIWCD). Under the first round of PBPB, 41,645 State-Level Master Trainers (SLMTs) and 11,43,745 AWWs have been trained. Under the second round of PBPB, 8,718 SLMTs including 3,231 Champion AWWs have been trained.

Digitalization of ECCE has been strengthened through integration of age-appropriate learning content on the Poshan Tracker, including 14 videos covering 140 activities for children aged 0–3 years based on Navchetana. In addition learning contents for children aged 3-6 years based on Aadharshila, comprising around 248 videos, 190 voice notes and 159 activity PDFs have also been uploaded on Poshan Tracker. These learning contents are used by AWWs while conducting home visits for 0-3 years of children and delivering ECCE at Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) for 3-6 years children enrolled at the Centre.

Further, Home Visit Scheduler (HVS) has been integrated with the Poshan Tracker to support structured home visits by AWWs for conducting health and nutrition counselling of pregnant women, lactating mothers and caregivers and, conducting developmental milestone monitoring and early childhood stimulation of children of 0-3 years of age.

Around 51.25 lakh Vidyarambh ECCE Certificates have been awarded to facilitate children graduating from AWCs to primary schools as a proof of their school readiness. Further, monthly ECCE Days are celebrated at AWCs to promote thematic learning and parental engagement.

MWCD has also issued guidelines for Anganwadi Management Committees (AMCs) on 25.06.2026 as community-based institutional mechanism at every AWC, with a view to

institutionalize community engagement and participatory oversight, strengthen community ownership, and support the Anganwadi Worker (AWW) in effective delivery of services.

Under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, a new strategy has been developed for reduction in malnutrition and for improved health, wellness and immunity through activities like community engagement, outreach, behavioural 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 to reduce prevalence of wasting, stunting, anaemia and being underweight.

The 'Poshan Tracker' digital application has been rolled out as an ICT based governance tool in March 2021, for real time monitoring and tracking of all activities in the Anganwadi Centres (AWCs), Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and beneficiaries on defined indicators. It has facilitated near real time data collection for Anganwadi Services. In order to ensure that the benefits (Supplementary Nutrition) provided under the scheme are reaching the actual/intended beneficiary; to remove duplication and risk of leakage of benefits and to make the scheme more transparent, the Ministry has introduced Face Recognition System (FRS) in August 2024. FRS was rolled out as a pilot in 6 States and UTs viz. Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and Chandigarh. Further, FRS was rolled out on Pan India basis in December 2024 with an option to distribute THR without FRS. The entire process of onboarding beneficiaries for FRS was taken up in a gradual manner. Facial Recognition System (FRS) is ensuring that benefit is given only to the intended and identified beneficiaries registered in the Poshan Tracker Application.

Further, Nominee Module has been introduced in the App to ensure uninterrupted delivery of Take-Home Ration (THR) to the beneficiaries; Pregnant Women, Lactating Mothers, and Adolescent Girls. If due to any reason, the registered beneficiary is unable to visit the Anganwadi Centre to receive their THR through FRS, she can nominate a person on her behalf to receive her THR. Further, Aadhaar based tracking has enabled proper identification of beneficiaries, prevention of leakages and eliminating ghost entries.

The Poshan Tracker App has enabled the Ministry and States & UTs to review the implementation of the scheme on various parameters including health and nutrition status of the children and to make course corrections. The State wise information on malnutrition among children (0-5 years) is available on the Poshan Tracker public dashboard at the link: <https://www.poshantracker.in/statistics>.

The State and UT wise details of funds released and utilized under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 are placed at **Annexure**.

Annexure

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED Q.NO. 472 FOR ANSWER ON 22.07.2026 REGARDING SAKSHAM
ANGANWADI AND POSHAN 2.0 SCHEME**

(Rs in crore)

Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0

SN	Name of the State/UT	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25		2025-26
		Funds released	Funds utilised	Funds released	Funds utilised	Funds released	Funds utilised	Funds released	Funds utilised	Funds released
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	19.71	13.36	3.85	5.17	12.15	11.06	9.63	9.21	8.10
2	Andhra Pradesh	744.60	749.91	827.79	721.45	705.68	734.52	645.73	641.23	759.76
3	Arunachal Pradesh	170.83	230.77	137.78	145.74	162.06	139.34	102.61	99.58	118.5
4	Assam	1319.90	1432.19	1651.63	1717.00	2233.31	2804.16	2482.34	2605.14	1548.67
5	Bihar	1574.43	1608.02	1740.09	1586.61	1859.29	1703.55	2262.92	1659.24	905.43
6	Chandigarh	15.32	23.09	33.10	33.10	19.79	19.26	14.56	14.31	9.87
7	Chhattisgarh	606.73	522.72	668.96	571.80	579.46	664.31	733.30	730.29	518.22
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	9.33	9.56	5.80	5.80	11.97	11.57	9.13	9.07	5.92
9	Delhi	133.11	125.52	182.77	142.84	161.81	135.31	160.41	152.34	150.21
10	Goa	10.84	12.92	14.71	16.83	13.95	12.22	13.44	11.52	19.74
11	Gujarat	839.86	757.92	912.64	552.30	1126.80	658.81	601.32	598.35	699.13
12	Haryana	173.03	146.99	195.25	150.24	225.78	183.94	232.69	212.49	67.12
13	Himachal Pradesh	247.99	386.68	270.24	247.76	301.09	146.69	313.07	311.04	328.59
14	Jammu & Kashmir	405.74	704.57	479.01	416.23	530.88	595.21	662.79	634.78	401.62
15	Jharkhand	352.98	183.30	430.91	596.03	664.30	560.25	496.95	465.21	429.26
16	Karnataka	1003.70	984.62	765.87	885.65	912.96	729.26	886.85	875.36	863.64
17	Kerala	388.23	397.98	444.98	325.43	306.64	359.22	435.74	429.54	283.81
18	Ladakh	14.70	14.67	18.79	18.79	19.62	18.06	18.89	18.49	16.41
		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25		2025-26

S No.	Name of the State/UT	Funds released	Funds utilised	Funds released	Funds utilised	Funds released	Funds utilised	Funds released	Funds utilised	Funds released
19	Lakshadweep	2.11	2.73	0.44	0.44	2.88	2.73	1.35	1.24	0.82
20	Madhya Pradesh	1085.47	1055.83	1011.57	1038.67	1123.11	1048.42	1144.54	1123.54	937.45
21	Maharashtra	1713.39	1609.02	1646.17	1589.97	1699.52	1219.66	1368.84	1354.26	1405.45
22	Manipur	228.92	177.28	135.95	167.74	201.28	224.68	342.87	316.82	199.99
23	Meghalaya	173.33	177.86	192.39	200.24	269.69	193.30	137.93	135.26	182.04
24	Mizoram	59.32	61.57	42.81	46.65	100.27	72.19	55.29	54.26	52.69
25	Nagaland	159.80	160.21	199.30	190.47	262.91	209.24	147.01	146.32	146.29
26	Odisha	1065.98	871.20	923.92	884.92	968.80	891.06	948.16	906.51	911.27
27	Puducherry	2.78	6.13	0.12	6.68	4.48	8.35	3.68	3.65	4.02
28	Punjab	383.52	177.94	75.31	247.25	307.87	220.55	265.48	262.45	190.73
29	Rajasthan	682.65	771.64	974.02	936.17	1091.96	880.87	741.85	735.82	843.51
30	Sikkim	25.73	24.59	20.33	24.09	33.49	23.77	18.07	18.02	18.21
31	Tamil Nadu	655.38	681.28	766.81	741.30	880.79	662.40	638.47	632.41	636.6
32	Telangana	482.33	479.30	550.69	503.33	507.87	522.99	430.76	419.75	209.2
33	Tripura	186.72	171.66	150.52	186.55	244.22	211.20	153.41	145.25	154.73
34	Uttar Pradesh	2407.55	2341.91	2721.87	2622.64	2668.69	2510.27	2694.62	2498.26	2145.42
35	Uttarakhand	353.65	336.03	425.84	364.77	288.24	426.34	216.33	207.52	271.05
36	West Bengal	668.35	1378.31	1227.59	1455.89	1237.56	1522.40	1513.80	1497.52	1333.9
Total		18368.01	18789.28*	19849.82	19346.54	21741.17	20337.16	20904.83	19936.05	16777.37

* includes expenditure from previous years balances.
