

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 1839
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2022

DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN IN NORTH-EASTERN STATES

1839: SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

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

- (a) the details of the initiatives taken by the Ministry and its ancillary bodies for overall development of children in North-Eastern States including Assam;
- (b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised for these initiatives during the last three years within Assam; and
- (c) the details of the target set and achievements made so far along with its response within Assam?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c) The Government has recently approved `Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 realigning the existing schemes of Anganwadi Services, Poshan 2.0 and Scheme for Adolescent Girls. The important components of Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 are as under:

- Nutrition Support for POSHAN through Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) for children of the age group of 06 months to 6 years, pregnant women and lactating mothers (PWLM); and for Adolescent Girls in the age group of 14 to 18 years in Aspirational Districts and North Eastern Region (NER);
- Early Childhood Care and Education [3-6 years]and early stimulation for (0-3 years);
- Anganwadi Infrastructure including modern, upgraded Saksham Anganwadi; and
- Poshan Abhiyaan

POSHAN Abhiyaan, a flagship scheme of the Government was launched in 2018 to address the malaise of malnutrition by adopting a synergised and result oriented approach. To ensure a holistic approach, all districts of States/UTs have been covered in the Abhiyaan which also includes the districts of North East region. The goals of POSHAN Abhiyaan are to achieve improvement in nutritional status of Children from 0-6 years, Adolescent Girls, Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers, in a time bound manner with fixed targets.

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S.No	Objective	Target
1.	Prevent and reduce Stunting in children (0- 6 years)	@ 2% p.a.
2.	Prevent and reduce under-nutrition (underweight prevalence) in children (0-6 years)	@ 2% p.a.
3.	Reduce the prevalence of anaemia among young Children(6-59 months)	@ 3% p.a.
4.	Reduce the prevalence of anaemia among Women and Adolescent Girls in the age group of 15-49 years.	@ 3% p.a.
5.	Reduce Low Birth Weight (LBW).	@ 2% p.a.

Mission Poshan 2.0 seeks to address the challenges of malnutrition in children, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers through a strategic shift in nutrition content and delivery and by creation of a convergent eco-system to develop and promote practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity. Steps have been taken to improve nutritional quality and testing in accredited labs, strengthen delivery and leverage technology under the 'Poshan Tracker', a robust ICT enabled platform to improve governance with regard to real time monitoring of provisioning of supplementary nutrition for prompt supervision and management of services.

One of the key planks of the program is behaviour change communication through Jan Andolan activities. At a national level, Poshan Maah is conducted every year in September and Poshan Pakhwada is conducted every year in March.. During Poshan Pakhwada 2022, over 15 thousand activities and during Poshan Maah 2022 close to 6 lakh Jan Andolan based activities were carried out in the state of Assam.

The details of funds allocated and utilised by the state of Assam under POSHAN Abhiyaan during the last three years are as under:

Amount in ₹lakhs

Central Funds released in 2019-20	Central Funds released in 2020-21	Central Funds released in 2021-22	Total Central Funds released till 31.03.2022	Total Central Funds utilised as on 31.03.2022
14171	987.04	0	32948.67	21276.28

Further, out of 1,03,461 sanctioned Anganwadi centres for North-Eastern States, a total of 1,02,808 are operational in NE States including Assam. The total number of beneficiaries in the NE states under the scheme is 58,47,355 out of which 49,80,677 are children in the age group of 6 months to 6 years. The details of operational AWCs and the number of beneficiaries in respect of each of the NE States including Assam is given at **Annexure I**.

The funds allocated, released and utilized under Anganwadi Services in respect of Assam is placed at **Annexure II**.

The Ministry is implementing a centrally sponsored scheme namely Mission Vatsalya Scheme (erstwhile Child Protection Services (CPS) Scheme) under which support is provided to State and UT Governments including Assam for delivering services for

children in need and in difficult circumstances universally across the country. The Child Care Institutions (CCIs) established under the scheme support inter-alia age-appropriate education, access to vocational training, recreation, health care, counselling etc. and covers both rural and urban children. Further, the Ministry regularly engages with all States/UTs and from time to time has shared various advisories and guidelines for continued and uninterrupted delivery of services and also for effective implementation of the scheme.

State-wise statement of funds released under Child Protection Services Scheme during the last three years to the State of Assam is at **Annexure-III**.

Annexure I

Statement referred to in Part (a) to (c) Lok Sabha Unstarred Q.No.1839 for answer on 16.12.2022 by SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH regarding Development of Children in North-Eastern States

Anganwadi Centres Sanctioned and Operational, SNP & PSE Beneficiaries under Anganwadi Services Scheme Quarter Ending 30 June, 2022

S. No	State/UTs	No. of Projects		No. of Anganwadi Centres		Beneficiaries of Supplementary Nutrition					Beneficiaries of Pre-school Education		
		Sanctioned	Operational	Sanctioned	Operational	Children (6 months - 3 years)	Children (3 - 6 years)	Total Children (6 months - 6 years)	Pregnant & lactating Mothers (P&LM)	Total Beneficiaries (children 6 months - 6 years plus P&LM)	Boys (3 - 6 years)	Girls (3 - 6 years)	Total (3 - 6 years)
1	Arunachal Pradesh	98	98	6225	6225	70887	75322	146209	18511	164720	38048	37274	75322
2	Assam	230	230	62153	61715	1504072	1716760	3220832	595935	3816767	921522	753973	1675495
3	Manipur	43	43	11510	11510	148886	183005	331891	55239	387130	92318	90165	182483
4	Meghalaya	41	41	5896	5895	214309	252691	467000	74223	541223	115887	112637	228524
5	Mizoram	27	27	2244	2244	54174	46860	101034	20960	121994	20218	20050	40268
6	Nagaland	60	60	3980	3980	188212	180831	369043	41324	410367	87601	85866	173467
7	Sikkim	13	13	1308	1308	10130	7495	17625	4268	21893	3799	3696	7495
8	Tripura	56	56	10145	9931	144443	182600	327043	56218	383261	91975	90625	182600

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Fund released to Assam under Anganwadi Services Scheme (Rupees in lakh)						
Year	SNP			ICDS (GENERAL)		
	APIP Approved	Funds released	Funds Utilized	APIP Approved	Funds released	Funds Utilized
2019-20	49541.69	49541.69	62707.56	63171.81	57539.63	59830.52
2020-21	54495.86	54495.86	69759.55	63289.83	52880.27	52030.96
2021-22	54495.86	69759.55	Utilization not due for Financial Year 2021-22	69916.46	62230.33	Utilization not due for Financial Year 2021-22

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State-wise statement of funds released and utilised in the State of Assam under Mission Vatsalya Scheme during the last three years is given below:

(Rupees in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	
		Amount released	Amount Utilized	Amount released	Amount Utilized	Amount released	Amount Utilized
1	Assam	3363.95	1730.54	3159.17	2373.00	864.69	1851.75
