

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2272
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH DECEMBER, 2022

POSHAN SMART GRAM SCHEME

2272. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SONI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the major features of Poshak Smart Gram (Nutri-Smart Village) Scheme;
- (b) the details of the estimated allocations made to villages for assistance under said the scheme;
- (c) whether the Government has selected any village from Chhattisgarh State under the said scheme and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, whether the selection of a village from Chhattisgarh State is likely to be made under the said scheme in near future?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) The Nutri-Smart Village programme is being implemented by ICAR-Central Institute for Women in Agriculture (CIWA) along with its 13 Centres of All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Women in Agriculture in 75 villages located in 23 districts of 13 states of the country to strengthen the Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment (POSHAN Abhiyan).

The major features of Poshak Smart Gram (Nutri Smart Village) programme are:

- i. Achieving nutritional security through available resources and technical know-how focusing on enhancement of nutritional literacy, motivation & attitudinal changes.
- ii. Achieving success in nutritional security and food security needs bridging the "nutrition gap" with increasing availability and accessibility to a balance diet for maintaining a good health status.
- iii. Promoting nutritional awareness, education and harnessing traditional knowledge through local recipe to overcome malnutrition.
- iv. Implementation of nutrition sensitive agriculture through homestead agriculture and nutri-garden.

(b) There is no separate budget earmarked for the said programme and funds are allocated depending on the demand to fulfill the objectives. The expenditure is met out from the existing allocated budget of ICAR-CIWA and All India Coordinated Research Project (Women in Agriculture). The total expenditure on the programme during 2021-22 was Rs. 118.01 Lakhs.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. To mark the celebration of 75 years of India's independence, the programme was launched in 75 villages in 13 states where AICRP Centres exist. Since, there is no AICRP Centre in Chhattisgarh, no village was selected in Chhattisgarh.