

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1563
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2023

STUDY ON POSHAN ABHIYAAN

1563. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:
SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any detailed State-wise study regarding performance/impact of POSHAN Abhiyaan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the achievement and objectives of POSHAN Abhiyaan in Maharashtra, district-wise;
- (d) the rate of dwarfism, under malnutrition, anaemia in children, adolescent girls and women and low birth-weight in infants in the above State and especially in Osmanabad Parliamentary Constituency during the implementation of POSHAN Abhiyaan;
- (e) the details of the funds released by the Union Government as well as the State Governments and the funds utilized for the purpose; and
- (f) the number of beneficiaries of the above scheme, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a) & (b) NITI Aayog was mandated to conduct monitoring and evaluation periodically to assess the progress and impact of POSHAN Abhiyaan. In the report Preserving Progress on Nutrition in India: Poshan Abhiyaan In Pandemic Times NITI Aayog assessed the implementation of POSHAN Abhiyaan since its inception and also analysed the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on nutrition and health services. Following are the key findings of the report:

- Poshan Abhiyaan has helped to bring a strong focus on improving nutrition outcomes during the first 1,000 days.
- Poshan Abhiyaan has enabled a nation-wide jan-andolan catalysing nutrition related behaviour change at scale for positive impact on feeding and health care practices.
- Poshan Abhiyaan demonstrated that the processes for inter-sectoral convergence are effectively operationalized through in place institutional mechanisms at multiple levels.
- Poshan Abhiyaan showed that technology can be leveraged for real time monitoring of large scale health and nutrition programmes
- Poshan Abhiyaan supported the resilience of health and nutrition systems during covid-19 pandemic

(c) POSHAN Abhiyaan was launched on 8th March 2018 with an aim to achieve improvement in nutritional status of Children under 6 years, Adolescent Girls, Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers in a time bound manner by adopting a synergised and result oriented approach with targets as under.

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 anemia among young Children (6-59 months)	@ 3% p.a.
4.	Reduce the prevalence of anemia 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.

Poshan Abhiyan is a centrally sponsored Scheme and the implementation of the Scheme lies with the State Government. Poshan Abhiyan has been rolled out in all 36 districts of Maharashtra. Information Technology systems have been leveraged to strengthen and bring about transparency in nutrition delivery support systems. The 'Poshan Tracker' application was rolled out on 1st March 2021 as an important governance tool. Close to 75.48 lakh beneficiaries have been registered on Poshan Tracker from the State of Maharashtra.

Under POSHAN Abhiyaan, for the first time, the Anganwadi workers and Centres were empowered and equipped with mobile devices and growth monitoring devices such as Infantometer, Stadiometer, Weighing Scale. In the state of Maharashtra, 120685 Smartphones and 110486 Growth Monitoring Devices have been procured.

Further, Behaviour change and communication through Jan Andolan is a key component of Poshan Abhiyan. At a national level, Poshan Pakhwada is celebrated every March and the Rashtriya Poshan Maah is celebrated every September. In Poshan Pakhwada 2022 and Poshan Maah 2022, close to 75.2 lakh activities and 6.5 crore activities, respectively were conducted across the States of Maharashtra. Key themes included Mahila aur Swasthya, Bacha aur Shiksha, Gender Sensitive Water Management and Healthy food for Mother and Child, particularly in Tribal regions.

(d) As per NFHS-5 (2019-21) prevalence of malnutrition and anaemia in children, adolescent girls and women and low birth-weight in infants in State of Maharashtra and in Osmanabad Parliamentary Constituency are as under:

S.No.	Key Indicator	Maharashtra	Osmanabad District
1.	Underweight (Children under 5 years)	36.1	32.5
2.	Stunting (Children under 5 years)	35.2	37.2
3.	Wasting (Children under 5 years)	25.6	16.1

4.	Underweight among Women age 15-49 Years (BMI less than 18.5 Kg /m ²)	20.8	19.1
4.	Anaemia (children age 6-59 months)	68.9	67.4
5.	Anaemia (Women age 15-19 years)	57.2	50.9
6.	Anaemia (Women age 15-49)	54.2	49.1
7.	Low birth weight (Infant less than 2.5 Kg)	20.0	-

(e) So far, total funds of Rs 540295.40 lakhs have been released by Central Government to all States/UTs and total funds of Rs 357277.66 lakhs have been utilised under Poshan Abhiyan.

(f). The State/UT wise details of total number of beneficiaries as per Poshan Tracker including the state of Maharashtra is at **Annexure-I**

Annexure I

State	Total Beneficiaries	Lactating Mothers	Pregnant Women	Children 0-6M	Children 6M-3Y	Children 3-6Y
Andhra Pradesh	2800615	141149	191270	115707	1235767	1116722
Arunachal Pradesh	56159	1288	1196	1552	23230	28893
Assam	3526656	157702	158502	180536	1304945	1724971
Bihar	10202702	374525	607498	322539	3805971	5092169
Chhattisgarh	2407965	67221	108062	60622	1011153	1160907
Goa	78130	5288	4712	5350	35005	27775
Gujarat	3985373	277595	260837	279867	1533777	1633297
Haryana	2021235	142321	120203	100653	723013	935045
Himachal Pradesh	535329	38440	38543	36752	220188	201406
Jharkhand	3644278	167789	223285	155494	1482132	1615578
Karnataka	4214837	170787	285267	151304	1847408	1760071
Kerala	2430557	148539	158433	142628	870584	1110373
Madhya Pradesh	7177687	193781	409097	179411	2908644	3486754
Maharashtra	7548976	442077	424279	412977	2729873	3539770
Manipur	299721	11307	11141	12186	110622	154465
Meghalaya	443163	18090	11496	21759	159585	232233
Mizoram	121471	4859	6478	5190	46777	58167
Nagaland	63400	375	321	437	19589	42678
Odisha	4110928	197769	263172	197281	1582269	1870437
Punjab	1057467	39473	46909	30992	533503	406590
Rajasthan	4810444	353972	358216	252391	2120411	1725454
Sikkim	35803	2059	1653	1985	13155	16951
Tamil Nadu	3986744	309613	325628	307703	1776256	1267544
Telangana	2197358	131602	171524	127448	946495	820289
Tripura	355466	16311	20681	16098	131828	170548
Uttar Pradesh	21075550	1339956	1848508	1092196	9052455	7742435
Uttarakhand	794036	43240	49711	33339	377624	290122
West Bengal	8843562	395101	578038	414517	3336713	4119193
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	15863	831	842	824	8393	4973
Dadra & Nagar Haveli - Daman & Diu	34628	3358	4451	3362	13783	9674
Delhi	730114	61420	48331	61846	345827	212690
J&K	813632	51781	50346	33828	327937	349740
Ladakh	19493	885	785	745	8048	9030
Lakshadweep	6526	408	517	456	3432	1713
Puducherry	41056	2996	2877	2433	22040	10710
UT-Chandigarh	52444	3811	3222	3864	18674	22873
Total	100539368	5317719	6796031	4766272	40687106	42972240
