

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2862
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2023

“FUNDS UNDER NATIONAL NUTRITION MISSION”

2862 SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

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

- a. the States which have started the implementation of an ambitious National Nutrition Mission, Bal Poshan Abhiyan, targeting children, pregnant women and lactating mothers;
- b. the funds earmarked for the implementation of the said scheme;
- c. the amount of funds spent under the scheme in Uttar Pradesh so far; and
- d. whether the funds under the scheme are lying unspent in Uttar Pradesh so far and if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) All the 36 States/UTs have started implementing POSHAN Abhiyaan targeting children, pregnant women and lactating mothers. Further, Mission Poshan 2.0, an integrated nutrition support programme which subsumes Anganwadi Services, Supplementary Nutrition Programme, Scheme for Adolescent Girls and POSHAN Abhiyaan, has been announced in budget 2021-2022 for all States/UTs to strengthen nutritional content, delivery, outreach and outcomes with focus on developing practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity to disease and malnutrition.

(b) The budgetary allocation (BE) under POSHAN Abhiyaan from FY 2017-18 to FY 2020-21 is Rs. 11,600.00 crores. From 2021-22, the scheme is part of Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0. Mission Poshan 2.0 to be implemented during the 15th Finance Commission period 2021-22 to 2025-26. The Mission has a total financial implication of approximately ₹1,81,703 crore.

(c) As on 01.08.2022, an amount of Rs. 60957.60 lakh has been released to Uttar Pradesh under POSHAN Abhiyaan since launch for the implementation of the programme.

(d) As on 01.08.2022, as reported by the State of Uttar Pradesh, an amount of Rs. 12500.13 lakh is available with the State. Regular reports are received from States regarding progress of fund utilization under POSHAN Abhiyaan. A major component of Poshan Abhiyan is Behaviour Change Communication through Jan Andolan activities. Due to Covid-19 pandemic, States/ UTs were unable to fully utilise funds as the Jan Andolan activities were affected.

States/UTs are advised to utilise the funds allocated under various components of POSHAN Abhiyaan as per the cost norms for effective implementation of the scheme. Delays if any, are monitored through sustained engagements with State Governments in review meetings to ensure that targets are achieved and funds are utilized. Any un-utilized fund / excess expenditure incurred during a particular year under POSHAN Abhiyaan is adjusted in the allocation/release of the succeeding year.
