

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
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“NATIONAL NUTRITION MISSION”

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing National Nutrition Mission in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof including the number of districts covered under the said scheme at present, State-wise;
- (c) the quantum of funds allocated and utilised under the said scheme during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the details of other measures being taken by the Government to strengthen the said Mission?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) POSHAN Abhiyaan (erstwhile National Nutrition Mission) 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. The programme makes interventions by use of technology, behavioural change through convergence and lays-down specific targets to be achieved across different monitoring parameters. The Abhiyaan has been rolled-out in all States and UTs. It covers around 735 Districts including 112 Aspirational Districts. The details are annexed at **Annexure I**.

The objectives 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.

(c) The State/UT wise details of funds released and utilised under POSHAN Abhiyaan during the last three years are at **Annexure II**.

(d) Government has accorded high priority to the issue of malnutrition and is making serious efforts to address this issue. The efforts under the Supplementary Nutrition Programme under Anganwadi Services and POSHAN Abhiyaan have been rejuvenated and converged as ‘Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0’ (Mission Poshan 2.0). It 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.

Poshan 2.0 focuses on Maternal Nutrition, Infant and Young Child Feeding Norms, Treatment of MAM/SAM and Wellness through AYUSH. It rests on the pillars of Convergence, Governance, and Capacity-building. POSHAN Abhiyaan is the key pillar for Outreach and will cover innovations related to nutritional support, ICT interventions, Media Advocacy and Research, Community Outreach and Jan Andolan. 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. Government released Streamlined Guidelines dated 13.1.2021 for greater transparency, accountability and quality in the nutrition support programme and service delivery. These guidelines emphasize on ensuring the quality of supplementary nutrition, highlights roles and responsibilities of duty holders, IT enabled data management and monitoring, leveraging of traditional knowledge through AYUSH and procurement and convergence for achieving good nutritional outcomes.

Under Poshan 2.0, focus is on diet diversity, food fortification, leveraging traditional systems of knowledge and popularizing use of millets. Nutrition awareness strategies under Poshan 2.0 aim to develop sustainable health and well-being through regional meal plans to bridge dietary gaps. Further, greater emphasis is being given on the use of millets for preparation of Hot Cooked Meal and Take Home rations (not raw ration) at Anganwadi centres for Pregnant Women, Lactating Mothers and Children below 6 years of age, as millets have high nutrient content which includes protein, essential fatty acid, dietary fibre, B-Vitamins, minerals such as calcium, iron, zinc, folic acid and other micro-nutrients thus helping to tackle anemia and other micro-nutrient deficiencies common among women and children.

Annexure I

Details of State/UT wise number of districts covered under POSHAN Abhiyaan

State/UT	Number of Districts
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	3
Andhra Pradesh	13
Arunachal Pradesh	26
Assam	35
Bihar	38
Chhattisgarh	28
Dadra & Nagar Haveli - Daman & Diu	3
Delhi	11
Goa	2
Gujarat	33
Haryana	22
Himachal Pradesh	12
J&K	20
Jharkhand	24
Karnataka	30
Kerala	14
Ladakh	2
Lakshadweep	1
Madhya Pradesh	52
Maharashtra	36
Manipur	16
Meghalaya	11
Mizoram	8
Nagaland	11
Odisha	30
Puducherry	4
Punjab	22
Rajasthan	33
Sikkim	4
Tamil Nadu	38
Telangana	33
Tripura	8
UT-Chandigarh	1
Uttar Pradesh	75
Uttarakhand	13
West Bengal	23
Grand Total	735

Annexure II**State-wise statement of funds released and utilization under POSHAN Abhiyaan during the last three years (as on 31.03.2022)****Amount in ₹lakhs**

Sl.	States/UTs	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
1	A & N ISLANDS	307.62	100	518.98	1343.49	413.54
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	13296.52	889.71	0	25363.32	17560.81
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1006.62	99.6	0	2815.88	1064.21
4	ASSAM	14171	987.04	0	32948.67	21276.28
5	BIHAR	25465	1835.48	0	49365.59	30678.39
6	CHANDIGARH	353	107.2	122.66	890.04	573.96
7	CHHATTISGARH	0	839.58	0	11434.54	7303.88
8	D & N HAVELI and DAMAN & DIU	878.14	0	0	1196.11	769.67
9	DELHI	0	174.35	0	3327.18	2549.6
10	GOA	0	20.19	0	456.04	249.13
11	GUJARAT	14863	0	0	29127.69	22074.12
12	HARYANA	0	415.39	0	6808.82	5790.88
13	HIMACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0	10895.41	7711.43
14	JAMMU & KASHMIR	1238.29	492.24	0	9224.35	9160.82
15	JHARKHAND	0	0	0	6665.8	5467.55
16	KARNATAKA	7967.39	1054.58	0	14276.52	13221.94
17	KERALA	0	2679.61	0	10444.89	7474.28
18	LADAKH	0	118.768	0	118.768	9.94
19	LAKSHADWEEP	126.75	100	0	425.65	356.05
20	MADHYA PRADESH	0	1554.16	0	39398.53	20087.83

21	MAHARASHTRA	33061.47	1767.776	0	60810.846	43714.39
22	MANIPUR	0	184.16	0	4389.99	3714.79
23	MEGHALAYA	2802.8	94.336	0	5073.386	5073.386
24	MIZORAM	1498	0	753.48	3328.51	2575.03
25	NAGALAND	2298.17	1550.11	360.12	5624.11	5263.99
26	ODISHA	0	0	12842.35	28014.46	15172.11
27	PUDUCHERRY	497	13.68	0	943.62	264.58
28	PUNJAB	0	0	0	6909.84	30.24
29	RAJASTHAN	8941	0	0	22904.21	12258.06
30	SIKKIM	923	20.928	0	1370.988	1370.988
31	TAMIL NADU	11509	0	0	25060.44	21879.36
32	TELANGANA	7003	571.2	0	17906.84	15786.92
33	TRIPURA	0	162.32	0	4135.95	3774.79
34	UTTAR PRADESH	16166	2779.49	0	56968.96	41834.8
35	UTTARAKHAND	7086	321.07	0	13574.89	10769.92
36	WEST BENGAL	0	1911.7	0	26751.08	0
Total		171458.77	20844.66	14597.59	540295.40	357277.66
