

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 310
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2023

BENEFICIARIES UNDER POSHAN ABHIYAN

310. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI:
SHRIMATI DELKAR KALABEN MOHANBHAI:

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

- (a) the budgetary allocation made and expenditure incurred for Poshan Abhiyan from the years 2009-10 to 2021-22;
- (b) the number of children, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers benefited under the Poshan Abhiyan from the year 2018 to December 2021;
- (c) whether an increase in the number of underweight children in 16 States and severely weak children in 12 States has been reported in the National Family Health Survey-5, Phase-1 and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of districts/aspirational districts targeted under Mission Poshan to tackle the problem of malnutrition State-wise including Maharashtra, Dadar and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu;
- (e) whether the allocation made for Mission Poshan in the year 2021-22 is less as compared to earlier schemes and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps being taken and the time frame to achieve the targets of this Abhiyan?

ANSWER

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

(a) Poshan Abhiyan was launched in March 2018. The budgetary allocation made under the Scheme from FY 2017-18 to FY 21-22 is as follows:

Sr. No.	Year	BE (Rs in Crore)
1.	2017-18	1500.00
2.	2018-19	3000.00
3.	2019-20	3400.00
4.	2020-21	3700.00
5.	2021-22	20105.00 **

** Scheme aligned under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0.

Since the launch of the scheme, Rs 5256.97 crores have been released under Poshan Abhiyan upto FY 2021-22. In FY 2021-22, the scheme was aligned alongwith Anganwadi Services and Scheme for Adolescent Girls. as Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2. (Mission Poshan 2.0) with a budgetary allocation of Rs 20105.00 crore for Mission Poshan 2.0.

(b) 10.10 crore beneficiaries have been registered under Poshan Tracker (as on 31-12-2022). Details are as follows:

Total Beneficiaries	Lactating Mothers	Pregnant Women	Children (0-6M)	Children (6m-3y)	Children (3y-6y)	Adolescent Girls (14-18 y)
10,10,50,463	52,41,440	80,40,215	45,95,834	4,06,33,040	4,25,39,934	18,11,961

(c) As per the findings of the phase 1 survey of NFHS 5 (2019-21), 16 States/UTs reported an increase in prevalence of underweight and severely weak children (SAM). Details are at **Annexure I**. However, as per the final report of NFHS-5 (2019-21), the nutrition indicators for children under 5 years have improved as compared with NFHS-4 (2015-16). Wasting has improved from 21% (NFHS-4) to 19.3 % (NFHS-5), Underweight has improved from 35.7% (NFHS-4) to 32.1% (NFHS-5) and stunting has improved from 38.4%(NFHS-4) to 35.5% (NFHS-5)

(d) All 36 States/UTs are covered under Mission Poshan 2.0, including all 112 Aspirational Districts . State-wise number of districts including in Maharashtra, Dadar and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu are at **Annexure II**.

(e) For the year 2020-21, the Budget allocation for the Schemes comprising Anganwadi Services, POSHAN Abhiyaan and Scheme for Adolescent Girls was Rs.24,482 crore and the Revised Budget allocation was Rs.17,902.31 crore. In 2021-22, after rationalization, these three schemes were aligned under 'Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0' having budgetary provision of Rs.20,105 crore which is 12.3% more than the Revised Budget allocation of Rs.17,902.31 crore.

(f) The efforts under the Supplementary Nutrition Programme of Anganwadi Services and POSHAN Abhiyaan have been aligned under 'Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0' (Mission Poshan 2.0) which 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. Under Poshan 2.0, focus is on diet diversity, food fortification, and popularizing use of millets. Nutrition awareness strategies under Poshan 2.0 aim to develop sustainable health and well-being through wholesome local foods to bridge dietary gaps.

Dietary diversification in the Anganwadi platform encourages the consumption of micronutrient rich foods, viz., dark green leafy vegetables, lentils and vitamin C rich fruits. States/UTs have been advised to use fortified foods ingredients e.g., Fortified Wheat Flour, Fortified Rice, Double Fortified Salt and Fortified Edible Oil, under the

Supplementary Nutrition Programme for beneficiaries, including pregnant women and lactating mothers. To reduce the malnutrition and anaemia in women and children arising due to deficiency of micro nutrients like Iron, Folic Acid and Vitamin B-12, under Supplementary Nutrition Programme of Anganwadi Services, Fortified Rice was allocated to 21 States/UTs during the 2nd quarter of FY 2021-22 and from the 3rd quarter of FY 2021-22 onwards only Fortified Rice is being allocated to all the State/UTs. So far, this Ministry has allocated 731962 MTs of Fortified Rice in FY 2021-22 and 938207 MTs of Fortified rice up to third quarter of FY 2022-23 to all the States/UTs.

Further, greater emphasis is being given on the use of millets for preparation of Hot Cooked Meal and Take Home rations at Anganwadis 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. As per the Mission Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 guidelines, millets need to be mandatorily supplied at least once a week and suitably integrated in Take Home Ration (not raw ration) and Hot Cooked Meals in a palatable form.

Mission POSHAN 2.0 will be implemented during the 15th Finance Commission period 2021-22 to 2025-26

ANNEXURE I

Statement referred to reply for the part (C) of Lok Sabha Question No. 310 regarding Beneficiaries under POSHAN Abhiyaan due for answer on 03.02.2023:

NFHS-4 & NFHS-5 Survey Data_ Underweight, Stunting, Wasting & Severe wasting in children under 5 years					
S. No.	State	Underweight (under 5 yrs)		Severe Wasting (under 5 yrs)	
		NFHS-4 (2015-16)	NFHS-5 (2019-21)	NFHS-4 (2015-16)	NFHS-5 (2019-21)
1	Andaman & Nicobar	21.6	23.7	7.5	4.8
2	Andhra Pradesh	31.9	29.6	4.5	6.0
3	Assam	29.8	32.8	6.2	9.1
4	Bihar	43.9	41	7.0	8.8
5	Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	35.8	38.7	11.5	4.3
6	Goa	23.8	24	9.5	7.5
7	Gujarat	39.3	39.7	9.5	10.6
8	Himachal Pradesh	21.2	25.5	3.9	6.9
9	Jammu & Kashmir	16.6	21	5.6	9.7
10	Karnataka	35.2	32.9	10.5	8.4
11	Kerala	16.1	19.7	6.5	5.8
12	Lakshadweep	23.4	25.8	2.9	8.7
13	Ladakh	18.7	20.4	5.1	9.1
14	Maharashtra	36	36.1	9.4	10.9
15	Manipur	13.8	13.3	2.2	3.4
16	Meghalaya	29	26.6	6.5	4.7
17	Mizoram	11.9	12.7	2.3	4.9
18	Nagaland	16.38	26.9	4.2	7.9
19	Sikkim	14.2	13.1	5.9	6.6
20	Telangana	28.5	31.8	4.8	8.5
21	Tripura	24.1	25.6	6.3	7.3
22	West Bengal	31.5	32.2	6.5	7.1

ANNEXURE II

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