

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 4949
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.03.2023

FUNDS FOR SAKSHAM ANGANWADI AND POSHAN 2.0

4949: SHRIMATI PRAMILA BISOYI:

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

- (a) the funds approved and released under Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 during the last three years and current year;
- (b) the trend of fund utilisation out of available funds with the States (including state share) under Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 during last three financial years and current year;
- (c) the details of funds released out of the total funds approved for Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 during the said period;
- (d) the funds approved for the FY 2023-24 under Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, State-wise; and
- (e) the details of the shortages of Anganwadi Centers and the steps taken to address these shortages by the Union Government?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) The details of funds released and utilized under Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0 indicating therein the trend of utilization of funds by the States/UTs is at **Annexure**.

(d) The Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0 Scheme has been approved by the Government of India at the financial outlay of Rs. 1,02,031 crore (central share) for a 5 year period from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

(e) Under 3rd phase of expansion of Anganwadi Services Scheme, all the Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) approved by the Government of India, have already been sanctioned to States/UTs. In addition, guidelines have also been issued for relocation of AWCs which inter-alia authorizes the States/UTs to relocate the AWCs. However, while relocating the AWCs, the aspect of availability of adequate land, building, water facilities, ease of access of pregnant women and children besides maximum travel distance not being more than 5 km in case of urban areas, 3 km in rural areas and 1.5 km in tribal areas for the Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) may be kept in view. Further, States/ UTs have been advised time and again to examine the possibility to co-locate the Anganwadi Centres running in rented buildings to nearby primary schools located in the habitation of AWCs catchment to facilitate the transition of the children to the primary stage and ensure universal enrolment.

Under Saksham Anganwadi, across the country 2 lakh Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) (40,000 AWCs per year) would be strengthened and upgraded for improved nutrition delivery for stimulating the creative, social, emotional, cognitive and intellectual development of children under 6 years of age in convergence with education development programmes. This year 40,000 AWCs have been identified in aspirational districts for upgradation. Saksham Anganwadis to have better infrastructure including internet/wifi connectivity, LED screens, water purifier/installation of RO machine and smart learning and audio-visual aids and child-friendly learning equipment.

A total of 50,000 AWCs (@10,000 AWCs per year) would be constructed under convergence with MGNREGS for a five year period ending FY 2025-26. The cost of construction of AWC buildings under convergence with MGNREGA has been revised to Rs.12.00 lakh per AWC out of which Rs.8.00 lakh would be provided under MGNREGS, Rs.2.00 lakh under 15th Finance Commission funds (any other untied funds) and Rs.2.00 lakh by MWCD per AWC to be shared between Centre and States/UTs in the prescribed cost sharing ratio.

Annexure

Funds Approved, Released and Utilized under Anganwadi Services (under Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0)

(Rupees in Lakhs)

Fund released during 2019-20					
SNP			ICDS (GENERAL)		
APIP Approved	Funds released	Funds Utilized	APIP Approved	Funds released	Funds Utilized
936812.41	866117.82	929452.26	953264.6	745895.59	800979.94

(Rupees in Lakhs)

Fund released during 2020-21					
SNP			ICDS (GENERAL)		
APIP Approved	Funds released	Funds Utilized	APIP Approved	Funds released	Funds Utilized
1010636.08	896321.89	870160.16	978183.56	682513.19	785509.07

(Rupees in Lakhs)

Fund released during 2021-22					
SNP			ICDS (GENERAL)		
APIP Approved	Funds released	Funds Utilized	APIP Approved	Funds released	Funds Utilized
916385.96	916385.96	Utilization not due	1014209.26	1014209.26	Utilization not due

(Rupees in Lakhs)

Fund released during 2022-23*					
SNP			ICDS (GENERAL)		
APIP Approved	Funds released	Funds Utilized	APIP Approved	Funds released	Funds Utilized
1016024.94	1004600.87	Utilization not due	964163.31	734713.28	Utilization not due

*as on 28.03.2023

Note: APIP- Annual Programme Implementation Plan

SNP- Supplementary Nutrition Programme
