

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5044**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.03.2023

**“PERFORMANCE OF SCHEMES”**

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

- (a) whether the Government has data regarding the performance of schemes run through anganwadis and if so, the details regarding the same;
- (b) whether the Government has noticed that anganwadi workers are the centre point of primary healthcare in India and if so, the details of steps being taken for their welfare;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase honorarium to anganwadi workers and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the State Government of Kerala has fully utilised the funds granted for welfare of anganwadi workers and schemes run through angawadis in the state and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) The efforts under the Supplementary Nutrition Programme under Anganwadi Services, Supplementary Nutrition Programme, revised Scheme for Adolescent Girls and POSHAN Abhiyaan have been rejuvenated and converged as 'Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0). There are 7074 sanctioned projects under Mission Poshan 2.0 with 13.9 lakh Anganwadi Centres across the country.

Under the Poshan Abhiyaan scheme, IT systems have been leveraged to strengthen and bring about transparency in nutrition delivery support systems. The 'Poshan Tracker' application was rolled out by MoWCD on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 as an important governance tool. Technology under Poshan Tracker is being leveraged for dynamic identification of stunting, wasting, under-weight prevalence among children; and last mile tracking of nutrition service delivery.

Poshan Tracker will help Mission Poshan 2.0 in generating data, providing feedback to Program Managers and documenting the impact of scheme on nutrition indicators. The Ministry/ States/ Districts can thus make effective timely interventions, based on the data from tracker and evaluate the progress of different components.

Category wise beneficiaries registered under Poshan Tracker as on 28.02.2023

Total Beneficiaries	Lactating Mothers	Pregnant Women	Children 0-6M	Children 6M-3Y	Children 3-6Y
9,99,63,025	52,81,652	53,57,262	46,59,293	4,08,00,370	4,28,64,448

Beneficiaries are being Aadhar seeded to ensure last mile tracking and delivery of services. As on date, more than 90% of beneficiaries registered on the Poshan Tracker have been successfully Aadhar seeded. Further, close to 18.89 lakh adolescent girls (14-18 years) have been registered on the Tracker from North east and Aspirational districts.

Under the said Mission, Anganwadi workers have been provided with close to 11 lakh smart phones. Besides, to promote regular growth monitoring, 12.53 lakh Growth Monitoring Devices such as Infantometer, Stadiometer, Weighing Scale, have been procured by States/UTs.

(b) The following measures have been undertaken for welfare of Anganwadi Workers/Helpers:

i. Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) being honorary workers are paid a monthly honorarium as decided by the Government from time to time. Lastly, on 01.10.2018, Government of India has enhanced the honorarium of AWWs at main-AWCs from 3,000/- to ₹ 4,500/- per month; AWWs at mini- AWCs from 2,250/- to ₹ 3,500/- per month; AWHs from ₹ 1,500/- to ₹ 2,250/- ₹ per month which is uniform across all States/ UTs. Also, performance linked incentive of 250/- per month paid to AWHs and @ ₹ 500/- per month to AWWs. In addition, States/UTs are also paying additional monetary incentives/ honorarium to these functionaries from their own resources.

ii. Leave: They have been allowed paid absence of 180 days of maternity leave and 20 paid annual leave.

iii. Uniform: Government has made a provision for a set of two Uniform (saree/suit per annum).

iv. Promotion Avenues: 50% of posts of supervisors shall be filled by promotion of Anganwadi Workers with 5 years of experience and 50% posts of AWWs shall be filled by promotion of Anganwadi Workers with 5 years of experience.

v. Insurance cover under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package: Anganwadi Workers and Helpers who have been engaged with the Covid- 19 related tasks, have been provided with insurance cover of Rs.50 lakh under "Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package" with certain conditions.

(c) At present there is no such proposal to increase the honorarium of Anganwadi Workers/ Helpers.

(d) For the Financial Year 2021-22 and 2022-23, the statement of utilization of funds under Anganwadi Services (General) and Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) in Kerala is tabulated below:

(Rupees in Lakhs)

	<b>Anganwadi Services (General)</b>	
<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Fund Released</b>	<b>Fund Utilized</b>
<b>2021-22</b>	19714.48	20892.28
<b>2022-23</b>	21270.17	Utilization not due

(Rupees in Lakhs)

	<b>Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP)</b>	
<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Fund Released</b>	<b>Fund Utilized</b>
<b>2021-22</b>	19083.19	18905.05
<b>2022-23</b>	20829.85	Utilization not due

Note:

(1) APIP- Annual Programme Implementation Plan

(2) Funds are released out of approved allocation after adjusting unspent balances / excess expenditure incurred by the States/UTs in the previous year.

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