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ACHIEVEMENTS OF NUTRITION MISSION

1449 SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

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

- (a) the details of the progress and achievements made under the National Nutrition Mission (NNM) in light of the targets set; and
- (b) the targets set for the State of Gujarat with reference to the National Nutrition Mission and the benefits achieved thereunder?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a) POSHAN Abhiyaan (erstwhile National Nutrition Mission, which has now been integrated under Mission Poshan 2.0) was launched on 8th March 2018 with an aim to achieve improvement in nutritional status of Children under 6 years, Adolescent Girls (14-18 years), Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers in a time bound manner by adopting a synergised and result-oriented approach. The Abhiyaan has been rolled-out in all the 36 States and UTs. It covers all the districts within the country including 112 Aspirational Districts.

The Abhiyaan planned for interventions using technology-based monitoring, behavioural change and convergence. For enhanced monitoring, the following actions have been taken:

- i. For the first time, Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) have been technology empowered with smartphones (nearly 11 lakh), ii. To promote regular growth measurement, 12.5 lakh Growth Measurement Devices have been procured by States/UTs for Anganwadi Centres

Under Poshan Abhiyaan, large scale and continuous behaviour change communication has been carried out through, Jan Andolans (or mass movements for behaviour change) through annual Poshan Maah and Poshan Pakhwada celebrations which have been institutionalised with over 60 crore activities carried out from September 2018 onwards. Over 3.7 crore Community Based Events have been carried out for behaviour change in women, husbands and families

Poshan Tracker an IT application was rolled out on 1st March 2021 to monitor near real-time progress under Mission Poshan 2.0. Technology under the Poshan Tracker is

being leveraged for dynamic identification of stunting, wasting and underweight prevalence among children and last mile tracking of nutrition service delivery. Poshan Tracker enables near real-time monitoring on defined indicators

The estimated number of underweight, malnourished and severely malnourished children under 5 years of age is obtained under National Family Health Survey (NFHS) conducted by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. As per the recent report of NFHS-5 (2019-21), the nutrition indicators for children under 5 years have improved as compared with NFHS-4 (2015-16). Stunting has reduced from 38.4% to 35.5%, Wasting has reduced from 21.0% to 19.3% and Underweight prevalence has reduced from 35.8% to 32.1%. As per data recorded in Poshan Tracker, ICT application for Mission Poshan 2.0, close to 7 crore children were measured in the country in June 2023, of which 7% were Wasted and 19% underweight, which is significantly lower than NFHS indicators.

- b. POSHAN Abhiyaan has been rolled out in all the districts of Gujarat. 100% of the Anganwadis in Gujarat are registered on Poshan Tracker application. Around 38.63 lakh beneficiaries from Gujarat are registered on the application and 97.82% beneficiaries are Aadhar seeded.

In the State of Gujarat in June 2023, 99.5% of the registered children were measured for nutrition status, of which 2.53% were found severely wasted and 22% were found underweight, which is significantly lower than the NFHS-5 indicators of severe wasting at 10.6% and underweight at 39.7%.
