

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 261
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2023

OBJECTIVES OF POSHAN ABHIYAAN

261 SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:
SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has been able to achieve the objectives of Poshan Abhiyaan in Odisha and West Bengal, If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the number of Anganwadi Centres in Odisha and West Bengal wherein Poshan scheme is being implemented, district-wise; and
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study on the results of this scheme in Odisha and West Bengal, if so, the details and outcome thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) The objective of POSHAN Abhiyaan is to address challenges of malnutrition and contribute to India's human capital development by using effective strategies to address nutritional deficiencies and improve the nutritional & health status of children from 0-6 years, Adolescent Girls, Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers in a time bound manner. A total of 43.87 lakh beneficiaries from State of Odisha and 88.34 lakh beneficiaries from West Bengal including pregnant women, lactating mothers, children under 6 years of age and Adolescent girls are registered under Mission Poshan 2.0, which includes Anganwadi Services, Scheme for Adolescent Girls and Poshan Abhiyan.

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 the month of June itself, of which, 7% were SAM and 19% underweight, which is significantly lower than NFHS indicators.

In the state of Odisha, as per Poshan Tracker, wasting in the month of June 2023 was at 3% and underweight at 15% in 29.6 lakh children measured during the month (compared to 18.1% and 29.7% respectively as per NFHS-5). In the state of West Bengal, as per Poshan Tracker, wasting in the month of June 2023 was at 8% and underweight at 14% in 61.91 lakh children measured during the month (compared to 20.3% and 32.2% respectively as per NFHS-5).

(b) The details of district wise number of AWC in Odisha and West Bengal registered in Poshan Tracker, is at **Annexure I**.

(c) NITI Aayog was mandated to conduct monitoring and evaluation periodically to assess the progress and impact of the programme, nationally. A sectoral evaluation of POSHAN Abhiyaan, among other Centrally Sponsored Schemes, was conducted by Development Monitoring & Evaluation Office (DMEO) under NITI Aayog for impact evaluation of POSHAN Abhiyaan. The performances of Poshan Abhiyan was found Satisfactory in the categories of Relevance, Sustainability and Equity

Annexure I

State	District Name	Operational AWC
Odisha	Angul	1684
Odisha	BARGARH	2919
Odisha	Baleshwar	4220
Odisha	Bhadrak	2435
Odisha	Bolangir	2775
Odisha	Boudh	727
Odisha	Cuttack	3318
Odisha	Deogarh	798
Odisha	Dhenkanal	2220
Odisha	Gajapati	2436
Odisha	Ganjam	5161
Odisha	Jagatsinghpur	1840
Odisha	Jajapur	2826
Odisha	Jharsuguda	967
Odisha	KALAHANDI	2362
Odisha	KENDRAPARA	2147
Odisha	KHORDHA	2554
Odisha	Kandhamal	2197
Odisha	Keonjhar	3352
Odisha	Koraput	3399
Odisha	MALKANGIRI	1324
Odisha	MAYURBHANJ	5153
Odisha	Nabarangpur	2331
Odisha	Nayagarh	1584
Odisha	Nuapada	1406
Odisha	Puri	2599
Odisha	RAYAGADA	2063
Odisha	SUBARNAPUR	1556
Odisha	Sambalpur	1886
Odisha	Sundergarh	3918
West Bengal	24 Paraganas North	10428
West Bengal	Alipurduar	3198
West Bengal	BANKURA	5739
West Bengal	BIRBHUM	5188
West Bengal	COOCHBEHAR	5531
West Bengal	DARJEELING	3252
West Bengal	DINAJPUR DAKSHIN	4154
West Bengal	HOOGLY	6708
West Bengal	Howrah	4509
West Bengal	JALPAIGURI	3940
West Bengal	Jhargram	2478
West Bengal	Kalimpong	639
West Bengal	Kolkata	1529
West Bengal	MALDAH	6399
West Bengal	MEDINIPUR WEST	6643
West Bengal	MURSHIDABAD	9033
West Bengal	NADIA	6934
West Bengal	PASCHIM BARDHAMAN	2845
West Bengal	PURBA BARDHAMAN	6854
West Bengal	PURULIA	4945
West Bengal	Purba Medinipur	6343
West Bengal	South 24 Parganas	11366
West Bengal	Uttar Dinajpur	3787
