

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2701
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2701 SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing the National Nutrition Mission or Poshan Abhiyaan to address the problems of malnutrition in the country, if so, the salient features and various components thereof along with the names of districts identified/covered therein, State/UT-wise, including Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the total budget of the Mission/Abhiyaan and allocations made to State/UTs during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether Government has fixed any targets to achieve the desired results/goals under the Mission and if so, the targets set and achievements made thereunder; and
- (d) whether the mission has any monitoring agency to report field level feedback on the ICDS scheme and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) POSHAN Abhiyaan was launched on 8th March 2018 with an aim to achieve improvement in nutritional status of Children under 6 years, Adolescent Girls, 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 States and UTs. Poshan Abhiyan seeks to address the challenge of malnutrition through following core components:

- i. Technology: 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. Anganwadi Centres across the country have been provided smartphones and trained on using the Poshan Tracker for regular data entry to enable monitoring of the Mission at a central and state level.
- ii. Convergence: The Mission supports convergence between various Ministries/Departments across activities/ programmes in order to jointly address malnutrition related issues.
- iii. Capacity Building: The Abhiyaan focuses on building the capacity of front-line ICDS functionaries in effective and consistent service delivery. Functionaries are

trained on thematic modules for better programme delivery along with being trained on the use of the Poshan Tracker.

- iv. Community Engagement: Nutrition specific Jan Andolans celebrated twice annually along with Community Based Events (CBEs) held twice a month at each operational AWC contributes to increasing the programme outreach along with sensitisation of masses towards better nutrition and health for all.

In order to maximise nutrition outcomes, the efforts under the Supplementary Nutrition Programme under Anganwadi Services, Scheme for Adolescent Girls and POSHAN Abhiyaan have been rejuvenated and converged as 'Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0' (Mission Poshan 2.0). The Mission 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.

Poshan Abhiyaan is being implemented in all the districts of the country, in all 36 States/UTs.

- (b) Year-wise Financial allocation under POSHAN Abhiyaan from FY 2020-21 to FY 2022-23 as on 31.3.2023 is as under:

(₹ in crore)

Sr. No.	Year	BE
1.	2020-21	3700.00
2.	2021-22*	20105.00
3.	2022-23	20294.58
4	2023-24	20554.31

**Scheme aligned with Anganwadi Services and Scheme for Adolescent Girls under Mission Poshan 2.0*

The State/UT wise details of funds released under POSHAN Abhiyaan during the last three years and current year is at **Annexure I**.

- (c) POSHAN Abhiyaan was launched on 8th March 2018 with an aim to achieve improvement in nutritional status of Children under 6 years, Adolescent Girls, Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers in a time bound manner by adopting a synergised and result oriented approach. The objective of POSHAN Abhiyaan is to reduce malnutrition by improving utilization of key services and improving the quality of service delivery. Its aim is to ensure holistic development and adequate nutrition for pregnant women, mothers and children.

Poshan Abhiyan has been rolled out in all 36 States/UTs. In the ICT application, Poshan Tracker, 13.9 lakh Anganwadi Centres are more than 10.33 crore beneficiaries are registered, out of whom close to 94% are Aadhar-verified. Further, data of monthly growth monitoring and nutrition status is being captured on Poshan Tracker.

For estimating the number of underweight, malnourished and severely malnourished children under 5 years of age in the country a nationwide periodic survey is being conducted by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare which is known as the National Family Health Survey (NFHS). 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). Wasting has improved from 21% (NFHS-4) to 19.3 % (NFHS-5), Under nutrition 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).

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 2023 as per which 7% were wasted and 19% underweight, which is significantly lower than NFHS indicators.

(d) Government has issued Streamlined Guidelines dated 13.1.2021 under which district officials in the State are mandated to conduct periodic monitoring including surprise spot-checks, draw samples for quality testing of supplementary nutrition (Take Home Ration not raw ration) and Hot Cooked Meal) to ensure that adequate measures for food safety and hygiene are followed and undertake necessary course correction. Under Mission Poshan 2.0, convergence is a key component to ensure monitoring and implementation of service delivery. To facilitate the same, at the district level, there is the mechanism of the District Nutrition Committee with the DM/DC as Chairperson and all officers from line departments such as Health, Education, Panchayati Raj, Rural Development etc. Similarly, at the State-level, the State level Steering Committee is headed by the Chief Secretary of the State.

Poshan Tracker is helping 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.

Poshan Tracker has facilitated near real time data collection for Anganwadi Services such as, daily attendance, ECCE, Provision of HCM/THR, Growth Measurement etc. To ensure last mile tracking of service delivery, SMS alerts to beneficiaries are being introduced for delivery of THR. Further, Poshan Helpline operationalised in November 2022 has been made available for registering concerns.

Through the helpline, a beneficiary can raise a query or a concern about the services offered under Mission Poshan 2.0.

Annexure I

Central funds released to States/UTs under POSHAN Abhiyaan					
in Rs. Lakh					
Sl.	States/UTs	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Total Central Funds released (FY 2020-21 till date)
1	A & N ISLANDS	100.00	518.97	47.45	666.42
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	889.71	0.00	2707.69	3597.40
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	99.60	0.00	14.70	114.30
4	ASSAM	987.04	0.00	34.50	1021.54
5	BIHAR	1835.48	0.00	3916.76	5752.24
6	CHANDIGARH	107.20	122.66	149.21	379.07
7	CHHATTISGARH	839.58	0.00	33.00	872.58
8	D & N HAVELI and DAMAN & DIU	0.00	0.00	18.22	18.22
9	DELHI	174.35	0.00	14.25	188.60
10	GOA	20.19	0.00	1.65	21.84
11	GUJARAT	0.00	0.00	1342.21	1342.21
12	HARYANA	415.39	0.00	22.20	437.59
13	HIMACHAL PRADESH	0.00	0.00	194.38	194.38
14	JAMMU & KASHMIR	492.24	0.00	19.20	511.44
15	JHARKHAND	0.00	0.00	33.60	33.60
16	KARNATAKA	1054.58	0.00	1746.60	2801.18
17	KERALA	2679.61	0.00	2057.70	4737.31
18	LADAKH	18.76	0.00	1.95	20.71
19	LAKSHADWEEP	100.00	0.00	1.35	101.35
20	MADHYA PRADESH	1554.16	0.00	2183.79	3737.95
21	MAHARASHTRA	1767.77	0.00	82.95	1850.72
22	MANIPUR	184.16	0.00	6.45	190.61
23	MEGHALAYA	94.33	0.00	430.66	524.99
24	MIZORAM	0.00	753.48	0.00	753.48
25	NAGALAND	1550.11	360.12	2340.56	4250.79
26	ODISHA	0.00	12842.35	50.70	12893.05
27	PUDUCHERRY	13.68	0.00	0.75	14.43
28	PUNJAB	0.00	0.00	23.25	23.25
29	RAJASTHAN	0.00	0.00	1064.28	1064.28
30	SIKKIM	20.92	0.00	0.00	20.92
31	TAMIL NADU	0.00	0.00	11787.60	11787.60
32	TELANGANA	571.20	0.00	1735.95	2307.15
33	TRIPURA	162.32	0.00	97.32	259.64
34	UTTAR PRADESH	2779.49	0.00	134.55	2914.04
35	UTTARAKHAND	321.07	0.00	943.09	1264.16
36	WEST BENGAL	1911.70	0.00	86.40	1998.10
	Grand Total	20744.64	14597.58	33324.92	68667.14