

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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SAKASHAM ANGANWADI AND POSHAN 2.0 SCHEME

2730 SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has achieved success in the objectives of Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0 campaign in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding the outcomes of these schemes and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has or is contemplating on any plan to setup new modern Saksham Anganwadis in States under POSHAN 2.0 campaign and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the details of funds released and utilised to achieve the objectives of Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0 campaign in Madhya Pradesh during the last five years, year-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a) and (b): Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (henceforth 'Mission Poshan 2.0') is an Integrated Nutrition Support Programme that was launched in 2021 to address the challenges of malnutrition in children, adolescent girls, pregnant women, and lactating mothers. The mission aims at developing India's human capital and integrates three existing schemes (Anganwadi Services, Poshan Abhiyaan and Scheme for Adolescent Girls), adopting a lifecycle approach to malnutrition reduction. It represents a strategic shift from calorific sufficiency alone to practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity. It focuses on infant and young child feeding practices (including exclusive breastfeeding and complementary feeding), maternal and adolescent nutrition, treatment of children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)/Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM), and promotion of AYUSH practices.

The details of implementation of Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 in the state of Madhya Pradesh is as follows:

- i. 97,135 Anganwadi Centres are registered on Poshan Tracker application
- ii. 76,93,989 beneficiaries are availing services under the mission
- iii. 52 districts, 453 projects and 3486 sectors are covered under the mission

- iv. 90.84% beneficiaries are Aadhar seeded
- v. 1,51,828 Adolescent Girls (14-18 years) from aspirational districts of the State are registered on the Poshan Tracker application out of which 85.55% are Aadhar seeded.

For estimating the number of underweight, malnourished and severely malnourished children under 5 years of age in the country a nationwide periodic survey is 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 in Madhya Pradesh have improved as compared with NFHS-4 (2015-16). Wasting has improved from 25.8% (NFHS-4) to 19.0 % (NFHS-5), under nutrition has improved from 42.8% (NFHS-4) to 33.01% (NFHS-5) and stunting has improved from 42.0%(NFHS-4) to 35.7% (NFHS-5).

As per data recorded in Poshan Tracker ICT application for Mission Poshan 2.0, close to 52.74 lakh children under the age of 5 years were measured in Madhya Pradesh in June 2023 of which 10% were wasted and 32% underweight, which is lower than NFHS indicators.

(c) Development Monitoring & Evaluation Office (DMEO) under NITI Aayog has conducted sectoral evaluation of schemes including POSHAN Abhiyaan, wherein performance of the scheme was found satisfactory in criteria of Relevance, Sustainability and Equity. Further, NITI Aayog assessed the implementation of POSHAN Abhiyaan since its inception and came out with the following key findings:

- (i) Poshan Abhiyaan has helped to bring a strong focus on improving nutrition outcomes during the first 1,000 days
- (ii) The Abhiyaan has enabled a nation-wide Jan-Andolan catalysing nutrition related behaviour change at scale for positive impact on feeding and healthcare practices.
- (iii) It has demonstrated that the processes for inter-sectoral convergence are effectively operationalized through in place institutional mechanisms at multiple levels.
- (iv) The Abhiyaan showed that technology can be leveraged for real-time monitoring of large-scale health and nutrition programmes.
- (v) It has supported the resilience of health and nutrition systems during covid-19 pandemic.

(d) Under the Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, 2 lakh Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) are being upgraded and strengthened as Saksham Anganwadis with LeD screen, smart-learning tools, Poshan Vatikas, Rainwater Harvesting Structure etc. @ 40,000 AWCs per annum upto 2025-26. In 2022-23, a total of 41,192 AWCs have been identified for upgradation. 35054 Anganwadis identified for upgradation are in Aspirational districts across the country. The State-wise approved AWCs for upgradation to new modern Saksham Anganwadis under Poshan 2.0 is at **Annexure I**.

(e) The details of funds released and utilised in Madhya Pradesh during the last 5 years is as follows:

(₹ in lakhs)

Anganwadi Services, SAG and Poshan Abhiyan	
Financial Year	Central Funds Released
2018-19	148499.07
2019-20	118176.45
2020-21	123805.51
2021-22*	108546.9
2022-23	98501.92
Total	597529.85

** Merged into Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0*

Further, as per information from the State, in the last 5 years from FY 2018-19 to FY 2022-23, a total amount of Rs 466840.27 has been utilised for Anganwadi Services, SAG and Poshan Abhiyan

Annexure I

State/UT wise number of Anganwadis approved under Saksham Anganwadi (new initiative) during 2022-23 (As on 22.03.23)		
Sr.No.	Name of State/UT	Total AWCs approved by MWCD
1	Andhra Pradesh	1105
2	Bihar	3566
3	Chhattisgarh	4750
4	Gujarat	1250
5	Haryana	10
6	Himachal Pradesh	100
7	Jammu & Kashmir	86
8	Jharkhand	6850
9	Karnataka	100
10	Kerala	250
11	Madhya Pradesh	2220
12	Maharashtra	1150
13	Odisha	6000
14	Punjab	100
15	Rajasthan	213
16	Tamil Nadu	800
17	Telangana	500
18	Uttar Pradesh	2349
19	Uttarakhand	350
20	West Bengal	4750
21	Arunachal Pradesh	100
22	Assam	3963
23	Manipur	30
24	Meghalaya	100
25	Mizoram	100
26	Nagaland	100
27	Sikkim	100
28	Tripura	200
	Total	41192