

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3753**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2023

**CENTRAL GRANTS TO ODISHA UNDER MISSION SAKSHAM ANGANWADI AND POSHAN 2.0**

3753. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:

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

- (a) whether central grants have been provided to Odisha under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 scheme; and  
(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): The details of fund released to State Government of Odisha under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 scheme during last three years are as follows:

(Rupees in lakhs)

| Sl. No. | Financial Year | Anganwadi Services Scheme | POSHAN   | SAG    |
|---------|----------------|---------------------------|----------|--------|
| 1       | 2020-21        | 84652.26                  | 0.00     | 29.69  |
| 2       | 2021-22        | 93659.57                  | 12842.35 | 96.54  |
| 3       | 2022-23        | 91559.27                  | 50.70    | 782.39 |

In order to maximize nutritional outcomes, the Anganwadi Services (erstwhile ICDS Scheme), Scheme for Adolescent Girls and Poshan Abhiyaan have been re-aligned under 'Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0' (Mission Poshan 2.0). It 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. The Mission is being implemented throughout the country, including the State of Odisha.

Under Poshan 2.0, focus is on diet diversity, food fortification, leveraging traditional systems of knowledge and popularizing use of millets. Nutrition awareness strategies under Poshan 2.0 aim to develop sustainable health and well-being through regional meal plans to bridge dietary gaps. Further, greater emphasis is being given on the use of millets (coarse grains) for preparation of Hot Cooked Meal and Take Home rations (not raw ration) at Anganwadi centres for Pregnant Women, Lactating Mothers and Children below 6 years of age, as millets have high nutrient content that can address anemia and other micro-nutrient deficiencies in women and children. Under Supplementary Nutrition Programme of Mission Poshan 2.0, only fortified rice is being allocated to States/UTs.

Under the Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 guidelines, 2 lakh Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) @ 40,000 AWCs per year shall be strengthened, upgraded across the country as Saksham Anganwadis for improving nutrition delivery including Poshan Vatikas upto 2025-26. In 2022-23, 41,192 AWCs have been approved for upgradation with provision for LEDs and smart learning and teaching aids. In FY 2022-23, 6000 Saksham Anganwadi have been approved for upgradation in State of Odisha.

Keeping in view the importance of nutrition and Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) services delivery, it has been decided to upgrade all Mini-Anganwadi Centres to main/regular Anganwadi Centres with the availability of an Anganwadi Helper. 2836 Mini-Anganwadi have been approved in State of Odisha for upgradation into Main Anganwadi Centre.

For construction of AWC buildings across the country under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in convergence with Anganwadi Services (now known Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0 Scheme), construction cost has been revised from Rs.7 lakh to Rs.12 lakh per unit under the revised Scheme – Poshan 2.0.

Under Swachhta Action Plan, Rs.10,000/- per AWC was provided for drinking water facilities in and Rs.12,000/-per AWC for toilet facilities, which has now been revised to Rs.17,000/- per AWC and Rs.36,000/- per AWC respectively. Further, from time to time States/UTs are being advised to utilise funds allocated under various components of Anganwadi Services as per the cost norms for better implementation of the scheme.

'Poshan Tracker', a robust ICT enabled platform, has been launched in March 2021 to ensure real-time monitoring of provisioning of supplementary nutrition by use of data analytics for prompt supervision and management of services. The system shall enable real time monitoring and tracking of all AWCs, AWWs and beneficiaries on defined indicators.

Under Poshan 2.0, for efficient service delivery and monitoring of the Anganwadi services, the Anganwadi workers (AWWs) have been technologically empowered with the provision of smartphones procured through Government e-Market (GeM). Internet connectivity charges for AWWs are provided @₹2000/- per annum per AWW. These frontline functionaries render their services in rural, urban, tribal and hilly areas of the country. Near about 11 lakh Smartphones have been procured by States/UTs.

Poshan Tracker digitizes physical registers used by Anganwadi workers. This saves the time of AWWs and AWHs, and improves the quality of their work while simultaneously allowing them real-time monitoring. The Anganwadi Workers periodically measure height and weight of children upto the age of 6 years and upload that data in the application.

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