

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1130
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2023

IMPLEMENTATION OF POSHAN ABHIYAN SCHEME

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated to Gujarat State under POSHAN Abhiyaan scheme during the last three years including current financial year along with details of unspent and unutilized funds for the same period;
- (b) the total number of beneficiaries including pregnant women, mothers and children, who have availed the said funds till the current financial year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has made use of modern technology to identify cases of malnutrition amongst the primary beneficiaries, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the implementation of POSHAN Abhiyaan scheme has resulted in holistic nutrition of the target groups and if so, details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The details of funds allocated to the state of Gujarat under Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 during the last three years is as under:

(in Rs. lakh)

Funds released under Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0			
FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
Funds released	Funds released	Funds released	Fund released
63313.05	83985.65	91213.99	22646.86

(b) The State/UT wise details of beneficiaries including children under 6 years, Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers registered on Poshan Tracker is at **Annexure I**.

(c) IT systems have been leveraged to strengthen and bring about transparency in nutrition delivery support systems at the Anganwadi centres. The Poshan Tracker application facilitates monitoring and tracking of all AWCs, AWWs and beneficiaries on defined indicators. Poshan Tracker is being leveraged for dynamic identification of stunting, wasting, under-weight prevalence among children. Poshan Tracker has facilitated near real time data collection for Anganwadi Services such as, daily attendance, ECCE, Provision of Hot Cooked Meal (HCM)/Take Home Ration (THR), Growth Measurement etc. Various steps have been taken to improve nutritional quality and strengthen delivery by leveraging technology under Poshan Tracker.

(d) The Government of India's flagship initiative, Poshan Abhiyaan, has been instrumental in advancing nutritional outcomes for pregnant women, lactating mothers, adolescent girls, and children under 6 years of age in a comprehensive manner. Jan Andolan is carried out through the annual *Rashtriya Poshan Maah* which is celebrated in the month of September and *Poshan Pakhwada* which is celebrated in March at scale across India. Outreach programs, identification drives, camps, and home visits are being regularly conducted at the village, block, and district levels, engaging diverse segments of the community to spread awareness about holistic nutrition. During *Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2023*, under the theme "Improving Nutrition through Mission LiFE", Anganwadi Workers sensitised the communities on importance of water conservation, consuming locally available & seasonal foods, encourage use of indigenous herbs & medicinal plants, yoga etc. Through an array of diverse activities, these Jan Andolans aim to amplify community involvement on a large scale to fulfill Prime Minister's vision of a Suposhit Bharat in the Amrit Kaal. Further, **Streamlined Guidelines** were issued on 13.01.2021 for transparency and accountability in delivery of supplementary nutrition and to track nutritional outcomes. The Ministry took steps to encourage the adoption of millets across the country. So far, through Jan Andolans, more than 5 crore sensitisation activities have been conducted focusing on Millet promotion in last two years helping target beneficiaries in adoption of healthy, millet-based eating practices.

STATE/UT WISE NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES REGISTERED ON POSHAN TRACKER (OCT 2023)

State/UT	Children 0m-6m	Children 6m-3y	Children 3y-6y	Pregnant women	Lactating mother
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	560	7117	3333	851	656
Andhra Pradesh	45380	1011041	1109103	132779	81224
Arunachal Pradesh	2626	33523	41288	2639	2584
Assam	110858	1278820	1626883	172609	100572
Bihar	197998	3895558	5592426	583227	282003
Chhattisgarh	125322	1057353	1159140	205035	128531
Dadra & Nagar Haveli - Daman & Diu	2478	14391	8954	4783	2610
Delhi	52741	339116	173060	67049	53649
Goa	4734	34669	18268	4865	5083
Gujarat	197341	1526314	1553820	266698	206363
Haryana	59801	730793	959050	128718	98934
Himachal Pradesh	33498	226178	230168	41365	34885
J&K	31247	322672	366115	42486	42292
Jharkhand	132359	1438817	1455650	247175	153022
Karnataka	121217	1675285	1615338	275152	159257
Kerala	98635	818317	1112334	140585	113321
Ladakh	653	7407	8803	783	854
Lakshadweep	383	2822	810	374	353
Madhya Pradesh	306868	2861859	3545764	512510	352120
Maharashtra	335730	2793179	3352521	447494	372014
Manipur	3719	101149	157836	6590	3942
Meghalaya	13188	166196	231732	13506	11720
Mizoram	4090	47650	59662	6716	3907
Nagaland	4086	39844	64634	3462	4112
Odisha	172021	1552491	1835980	304057	187991
Puducherry	2484	22215	3976	3363	3329
Punjab	81559	622249	462910	108286	90442
Rajasthan	179726	2065976	1698640	376865	253486
Sikkim	1577	13177	16840	1688	1584
Tamil Nadu	221004	1745764	1524180	302193	238248
Telangana	111443	985117	826979	181620	117482
Tripura	11445	132330	168623	20965	12540
UT-Chandigarh	2520	17039	21283	3309	2539
Uttar Pradesh	1012126	9655653	8402229	1841302	1171917
Uttarakhand	40070	398018	222980	70605	52794
West Bengal	388221	3322942	4091635	610445	413789
Total	4109708	40963041	43722947	7132149	4760149