GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 2104 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2023

EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANGANWADI SERVICES

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

- (a) the quantum of funds released by the Government under the Anganwadi Services Scheme to the States of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha and Gujarat;
- (b) the number of children between the ages of 0-6 years availing the benefits of the said scheme from the above-mentioned States and specifically from the Pali, Jhansi, Deoria, Pratapgarh, Balasore and Navsari Parliamentary Constituencies;
- (c) whether the Government has established any mechanism for effective monitoring and evaluation of the Anganwadi services, specifically of supplementary nutrition component under it, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the manner in which the Government is leveraging technology to effectively implement the said scheme so that the intended benefits reach the beneficiaries?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The components of Supplementary Nutrition under Anganwadi Services, Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG) and Poshan Abhiyaan have been aligned under Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 as an integrated nutrition support programme from the FY 2021-22. The detail of funds released under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 to the States of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha and Gujarat is given at **Annexure-I**.
- (b) The details regarding number of children between the age of 0-6 years availing the benefits of Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 in Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh,

Odisha and Gujarat and in Pali, Jhansi, Deoria, Pratapgarh, Balasore and Navsari Parliamentary Constituencies are given at **Annexure-II.**

(c) and (d): For ensuring effective implementation and monitoring of the scheme, IT systems have been leveraged to strengthen the system and bring about transparency in nutrition delivery support systems at the Anganwadi Centres. The 'Poshan Tracker' application was rolled out on 1st March, 2021 as an important governance tool. The Poshan Tracker facilitates monitoring and tracking of all AWCs, AWWs and beneficiaries on defined indicators. Technology under Poshan Tracker is being leveraged for dynamic identification of stunting, wasting and under-weight prevalence among children. Further, under Poshan Abhiyaan, for the first time, a digital revolution was ushered in when the Anganwadi Centres were equipped with mobile devices. The mobile application has also facilitated digitization and automation of physical registers used by AWWs which helps in improving their quality of work. Poshan Tracker is available in 22 languages including Hindi and English. It has facilitated near real time data collection for Anganwadi Services such as, daily attendance, ECCE, provision of Hot Cooked Meals and Take Home Ration under Supplementary Nutrition Programme, growth measurement etc. The App also offers counselling videos on key behaviours and services which help to disseminate messages on birth preparedness. delivery, post-natal care, breastfeeding and complementary feeding. Further, to ensure last mile tracking of service delivery, SMS alerts to beneficiaries have been introduced on delivery of Take Home Ration. Recently, Poshan Helpline has also been introduced for grievance redressal under this scheme.

Annexures to Lok Sabha USQ No. 2104 for answer on 15.12.2023

Annexure-I

Details of Funds released under Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0

(Rupees in Lakhs)

SI.No.	State	Fund Released		
		2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1	Rajasthan	68264.63	96337.52	71209.77
2	Uttar Pradesh	239978.59	272052.80	145144.26
3	Odisha	93659.57	91559.27	59405.09
4	Gujarat	83343.97	91213.99	38140.72

Annexure-II

Number of beneficiaries between the age of 0-6 years *

Rajasthan	Uttar Pradesh	Odisha	Gujarat
3937784	19070620	3562414	3293328

^{*} Data as per Poshan Tracker for November, 2023

Number of beneficiaries between the age 0-6 years as per Parliamentary Constituency**

S.No	Parliament Constituency Name	District	No. of Children (0- 6 Years)
1	Pali	Pali	118507
		Jodhpur	185167
2.	Dolooro	Mayurbhanj	219544
	Balasore	Baleshwar	189629
		Surat	137175
3	Navsari	Bharuch	81701
		Navsari	53823
4	Jhansi	Jhansi	123014
		Lalitpur	134246
5	Deoria	Deoria	306645
		Kushinagar	381608
6	Pratapgarh	Pratapgarh	297633

^{**}Data as per Poshan Tracker for November, 2023