

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2173
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2023

UNDER-UTILISATION OF FUNDS

2173. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that during the years between 2016-17 and 2021-22, the actual expenditure by the Ministry was lower than the demand of budget indicating either poor financial planning or gaps in planning, implementation and monitoring of schemes;
- (b) if so, the details of allocation and utilisation of funds since 2014 therein; and
- (c) the corrective action taken by the Government for such under-utilisation of funds?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) For better implementation and efficient monitoring, all schemes of the Ministry have been clubbed into three verticals, viz. (1) Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 for improving nutrition indicators in the country (2) Mission Shakti, for safety, protection and empowerment of women; and (3) Mission Vatsalya, for protection and welfare of children.

All the schemes implemented by the Ministry are Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and are implemented by the States/Union Territories (UTs). The budget allocation for these schemes is finalised based on inputs received from the States/UTs regarding their requirements and the trend of expenditure over the previous years. Further, under CSS, States/UTs are required to contribute their corresponding share of funds, incur a minimum of 75% expenditure of total available funds and submit the Statement of Expenditure (SoE)/ Utilization Certificates to enable the Ministry to release the central share of funds. Wherever the above conditions are not met, release of the central share gets affected/delayed resulting in unspent balance at the end of the financial year.

The implementation of schemes including utilization of funds is reviewed on monthly basis at Secretary/ Additional Secretary/ Bureau Head levels through physical meetings/ video conferences. Hon'ble Minister, Women and Child Development reviews the progress of schemes with States/UTs once every quarter apart from regular field visits.

The details of allocation and actual expenditure under the schemes of the Ministry since 2014 are **annexed**.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to Part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2173 to be answered on 15.12.2023

Details of allocation and actual expenditure under the schemes of the Ministry since 2014

(Rs. in crores)

Financial Year	Revised Estimate	Actual Expenditure
2014-15	18588.39	18541.12
2015-16	17351.89	17260.29
2016-17	17640.35	16597.54
2017-18	21236.81	20020.47
2018-19	24758.62	22531.30
2019-20	26184.50	22679.91
2020-21	21008.31	18744.13
2021-22	23200.00	21283.56
2022-23	23912.69	23512.07