

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.271
TO BE ANSWERD ON 06.12.2019

BHARTIYA POSHAN KRISHI KOSH

***271. SHRI B.B. PATIL:**

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

- (a) the aims and objectives of the Bhartiya Poshan Krishi Kosh; and
- (b) the manner in which it will be helpful in tackling malnutrition in the country along with the targeted/intended beneficiaries of this scheme?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (b) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Part (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 271 for answer on 06.12.2019 by SHRI B.B. PATIL regarding Bhartiya Poshan Krishi Kosh.

- (a) to (b) Ministry of Women and Child Development along with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) announced the Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh in New Delhi on 18th November, 2019. Eminent agriculture scientist Dr. M. S. Swamintahan in his address emphasized that to make India nutrition secure - calorie rich diet for women, children and expecting mothers; intake of proteins in the form of pulses; eradication of hidden hunger due to deficiency of micro nutrients like Vitamin A, Vitamin B, Iron, and Zinc; clean drinking water supply; and nutrition literacy in every village need to be ensured. "Bhartiya Poshan Krishi Kosh" project has two components – Development of a Food Atlas and Documentation of promising practices for Jan-Andolan for POSHAN Abhiyaan. The Agro-Food Atlas is to act as a repository of diverse crops across 127 agro-climatic zones of the country having three parts- crops currently being grown, agro-ecological conditions (soil, organic carbon content, ground water availability etc) and guidance on how a greater diversity of crops could be encouraged in a particular district or block to promote dietary diversity and nutrition. The project includes diverse data sources like National Sample Survey, Agri-Census, Soil Health Cards, ISRO's Advanced Wide Field Sensor (AWiFS) and National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA's) Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectro-Radio meter. The project also documents social, behavioral and cultural practices that promote and reinforce healthy dietary behaviors. Identification of promising practices with the help of a multi-disciplinary group of experts and development of a tool kit to disseminate best strategies for Social and Behavioural Change Communication, specific to population groups in those regions is also a part of it.