

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1949
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2019

PURCHASE OF INFERIOR QUALITY MACHINE

1949. SHRI SANTOKH SINGH CHAUDHARY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has received complaints regarding purchase of inferior quality growth monitoring machines for use in Anganwadi Centres under Integrated Child Development Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of action taken against the concerned officials and suppliers and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the quality of such devices in future?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Ministry of Women and Child Development has provided the specifications of Growth Monitoring Devices under POSHAN Abhiyaan which have been prepared with due consultation of UNICEF. All the procurement under POSHAN Abhiyaan have been mandated through Government e-Market (GeM) by States/UTs. States/UTs directly procure the devices through GeM portal and address the quality issues, if any. However, during the visit of Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development to Dehradun, Uttarakhand in September 2019, supply of inferior quality growth monitoring machines by the vendor in one District was brought to his notice in the review meeting on 30.09.2019. Secretary instructed that poor quality devices should not be accepted and remedial actions should be taken by the State at the earliest to ensure that quality products reach the Anganwadi Workers.
