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SECTORAL PROGRAMME TO COMBAT MALNUTRITION

4184. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up mechanisms to ensure regular monitoring and review of all sectoral programmes to combat malnutrition of children and women;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to monitor and track the physical progress of Anganwadi services at various levels to eradicate the crisis of malnutrition in India; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) This Ministry is implementing Anganwadi Services, Scheme for Adolescent Girls and Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojna (PMMVY) under the Umbrella Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme as direct targeted interventions to address the problem of malnutrition among women and children in the country. Further, Government has set up POSHAN Abhiyaan to achieve improvement in nutritional status of children from 0-6 years, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers in a time bound manner. The monitoring systems in-built in these schemes are as under:

- (i) The Anganwadi Services Scheme has an in-built monitoring system since its inception to track the physical progress of the scheme in respect of various input process, output and impact indicators through a standardized Management Information System (MIS). Further, in order to strengthen the performance of Anganwadi Services, Government has introduced monitoring and review mechanism at different levels (National/ State/ District/ Block and Anganwadi level).
- (ii) Under the Scheme for Adolescent Girls, monitoring committees have been set up at all levels (National, State, District, Block and Village level) to take stock of the progress of the scheme as also to strengthen the coordination and convergence between concerned departments.
- (iii) The Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) is implemented through web based Management and Information (MIS) Software, viz., Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana-Common Application Software (PMMVY-CAS) which is used as an effective tool for regular monitoring. Further, in order to expedite the implementation of the Scheme, regional review meeting cum workshops as

well as national level workshops are conducted regularly for highest level monitoring. Monitoring is also undertaken through video conferences with all the States/UTs so as to ensure maximum participation by all officials at the State/UT level.

- (iv) Regular reviews and meetings are conducted at National and State/UTs level to monitor the progress of implementation of POSHAN Abhiyaan. Field level checks are carried out by the Ministry & State Governments. National Council under the Chairmanship of Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog and the Executive Committee also monitor the progress of POSHAN Abhiyaan regularly.

ICDS-Common Application Software captures data on weight and height of children, opening of Anganwadi Centres, distribution of Take Home Ration, attendance of children for pre-school education at Anganwadi Centres. This data/information is then made available for monitoring on web-based ICDS-CAS dashboard to the supervisory staff at Block, District, State and National level.

Further, NITI Aayog closely monitors the status of implementation of POSHAN Abhiyaan. Further, there is a National Nutrition Resource Centre (NNRC) at National level and State Nutrition Resource Centre (SNRC) at State level to closely monitor the implementation of POSHAN Abhiyaan.
