### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1042 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.09.2020

#### **BHARATIYA POSHAN ANTHEM**

#### 1042. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched BharatiyaPoshan Anthem aiming to make India malnutrition free by 2022; and
- (b) if so, the plan of action and time frame stipulated in this regard?

#### **ANSWER**

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

- (a) Government has launched 'Bharatiya Poshan Anthem' on 3<sup>rd</sup>December, 2019, with the aim to inspire people to join Jan Andolan against malnutrition.
- (b) Government implements POSHAN Abhiyaan (earlier known as National Nutrition Mission) since 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to address the issue of malnutrition in the Country. The goals of POSHAN Abhiyaan are to achieve improvement in nutritional status of Children from 0-6 years, Adolescent Girls, Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers in a time bound manner, by ensuring convergence, leveraging technology and encouraging people's participation interalia.

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