

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1044
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.09.2020

POSHAN ABHIYAN

1044. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

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

- (a) the amount of money spent on Poshan Abhiyan by the Government in Delhi in the last two years;
- (b) the details of the measures taken by the Government for the implementation of Poshan Abhiyan during lockdown after 23 March 2020 in the country;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase food fortification in food distributed to children in Anganwadi Kendras and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The details of Central funds released to Government of Delhi and utilized Central share as well as State share under POSHAN Abhiyaan during last two years are as under:

(Rs. In Lakh)

2018-19			2019-20		
Central funds released including revalidated unspent amount of ₹945.95 lakh of previous year	Utilization as on		Central funds released	Utilization as on 31.03.2020	
	Central Share	State Share		Central Share	State Share
3152.83	164.80	40.68	0.00 (Revalidated unspent of amount Rs. 2980.03 lakh of previous year)	1804.53	349.37

- (b) As per the directions issued by Ministry of Home Affairs, under Disaster Management Act, 2005, all the Anganwadi Centres across the country were closed to limit the impact of COVID-19. However, to ensure continuous nutritional support to Anganwadi beneficiaries, Anganwadi Workers and Helpers have been distributing supplementary Nutrition at the doorsteps of the beneficiaries. Further, this Ministry has issued necessary directions to the States/UTs to ensure distribution of food items and nutrition support by Anganwadi workers, once in 15 days, at the doorstep of beneficiaries. In addition, Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers have been assisting the local administration in community surveillance, creating awareness or other works assigned to them from time to time.

- (c) States/UTs have been advised to ensure Mandatory use of fortified food articles that include supply of fortified Wheat Flour and rice (Iron, Folic Acid, and Vitamin-B12), Edible Oil (Vitamin – A & D) and Double Fortified salt (Iron and iodine) wherever supplied in Supplementary Nutrition Program under Anganwadi Services Scheme.
