

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2975
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2021

MISSION POSHAN 2.0

2975. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:
SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:
SHRI NIHAL CHAND:
SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:
SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH:
KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:
SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:
SHRI NISITH PRAMANIK:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BAAIYA):
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to launch the Mission Poshan 2.0 and if so, the details thereof along with its salient features and time by which it is likely to be launched;
- (b) the number of districts covered so far under Mission PoshanAbhiyan 2.0 along with funds utilised in each district, district-wise, State/UT-wise including Bihar;
- (c) whether Government has proposed to strengthen the nutritional content, delivery system, outreach and outcome of the said programme and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has proposed to merge the supplementary nutritional programme and the PoshanAbhiyan and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has proposed to adopt an intensified strategy to improve nutritional outcomes across 112 Aspirational Districts and if so, the details thereof along with the other steps being taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (f) whether the budget allocated to the Ministry has fallen short of its demands for several years and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a)to (f) For alleviation of malnutrition, Government has decided to implement Mission Poshan 2.0. It aims to strengthen nutritional content, delivery, outreach and outcomes with focus on developing practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity to disease and malnutrition. Steps have been taken to improve nutritional quality and testing in accredited labs, strengthen delivery and leverage technology to improve governance. Government has advised States/Uts to ensure that the quality of supplementary nutrition conforms to prescribed standards laid down under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and regulations made there under. States/UT's have been advised to promote use of AYUSH systems for prevention of malnutrition and related diseases. A programme to support development of PoshanVatikas at Anganwadi centres to meet dietary diversity gap leveraging traditional knowledge in nutritional practices has also been taken up.

Supplementary Nutrition Programme and PoshanAbhiyaan have been subsumed in Mission Poshan 2.0., which covers all States including all districts of the State of Bihar. Guidelines were issued for transparency and accountability in delivery of supplementary nutrition and to track nutritional outcomes on 13.1.2021.
