

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3948**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2021

**MALT BASED FOODS UNDER POSHAN 2.0**

3948. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:  
MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:  
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:  
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SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:  
SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:  
SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government has received around 16.31 percent higher allocation in the budget 2021-22, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the type of food and nutritional supplement currently covered under the Mission Poshan 2.0;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to include Malt based foods under Mission Poshan 2.0 for pregnant mothers and children below 10 years, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) if not, whether Government is desirous of doing so in near future and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) Budget Estimate 2021-22 of Ministry of Women and Child Development is 244435.00 crore which is 16.31% higher than Revised Estimate of 2020-21 which is Rs. 21008.31 crore.

(b) to (d) Under the current Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP), age-specific meal or food is provided to different categories of beneficiaries as per nutritional standards specified under the National Food Security Act.

Supplementary Nutrition provided to the Anganwadi Services beneficiaries at the AWCs is determined by locally available ingredients and food preferences/habits of the local population as per specified nutritional norms. The inclusion of food and selection of recipes for Supplementary Nutrition rests with the States/UTs.