

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4125**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2021

**REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF POSHAN ABHIYAN**

4125. SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI PATEL:  
SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:  
SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:  
SHRI MITESH RAMESHBHAI PATEL (BAKABHAI):  
SHRIMATI GEETA KORA:  
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study to ascertain the reasons for non-utilization of 50 percent funds released by the Union Government to various States since the inception of POSHAN scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure optimum utilization of funds by the States under the scheme;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding outcome of the scheme since the year 2017-18 and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the process adopted for review and assessment of Poshan Abhiyan?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d): Most of the activities under the Poshan programme are community based events which were impacted by restrictions placed due to Covid-19 pandemic. Restrictions placed on movement on goods, services and manpower affected the roll out of components like capacity building, training, organization of CBEs, etc.

Though no formal study on the subject has been conducted, Government has engaged with States/UTs through sustained reviews to ensure that targets are achieved and funds are utilized and to assess the progress made . Based on these engagements, steps have been taken to ensure nutritional quality, strengthen delivery mechanisms, introduce transparency and leverage technology for improving governance.

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