

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO.266**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2021

**NATIONAL NUTRITION MISSION**

\*266. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

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

- (a) the number of districts covered under the National Nutrition Mission (NNM) at present;
- (b) the number of people trained so far to strengthen the implementation and operational preparedness under the said Mission; and
- (c) the details of funds spent for the publicity of NNM during the last two years?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (C) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.266 FOR 06.08.2021 BY SHRI SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI REGARDING NATIONAL NUTRITION MISSION .**

(a) All the States/UTs are covered under POSHAN Abhiyaan (erstwhile National Nutrition Mission) in a phased manner. The coverage of the scheme has been extended to 718 districts upto 2019-20. The scheme was extended to 315 districts as part of Phase I (2017-18), in 267 districts as part of Phase II (2018-19), and in the remaining 136 districts as part of Phase III (2019-20). West Bengal has not yet started implementation of the POSHAN Abhiyaan. Under the Mission Poshan 2.0 announced in Budget 2021-22, an integrated nutrition support programme extends its coverage across all districts of States/UTs.

(b) To strengthen the implementation and operational preparedness under the said mission, more than 10 lakh Anganwadi Workers have been trained in various modules of the Incremental Learning Approach (ILA) component of the POSHAN Abhiyaan. Incremental Learning Approach (ILA) is a capacity building approach in which learning is broken down into small portions of doable actions. Government launched Poshan Tracker, an ICT based application in March 2021, which provides a 360-degree view of the activities of the Anganwadi Centre (AWC), service deliveries of Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and complete beneficiary management for pregnant women, lactating mothers and children. In order to facilitate use of this digital application amongst Anganwadi Workers (AWW)/ Anganwadi Helpers (AWH), Government has organised training of Anganwadi Workers/Anganwadi Helpers. Till date, more than 6.5 lakhs Anganwadi Workers/ Anganwadi Helpers have been trained by the Common Service Centre (CSC) to facilitate the use of Poshan tracker by the Frontline Functionaries of the Anganwadi Service.

Further, Ministry has sent a communication dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2021 to States/UTs regarding appointment of Nodal Person for providing technical support and resolving any issue regarding downloading the new Poshan Tracker application and its functioning.

(c) The details of the funds spent for the publicity of NNM during the last two years is as under:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Funds Utilised (₹in crores)</b>
<b>2019-20</b>	<b>9.62</b>
<b>2020-21</b>	<b>19.72</b>

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