

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3053
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2021

MALNUTRITION FREE INDIA

3053. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:
SHRIMATI GEETA KORA:
SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed an inter-ministerial convergence mission to ensure malnutrition free India under Poshan Abhiyaan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to emulate the policies of those States that have been successful in improving health and malnutrition in their respective States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the name of such States?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) POSHAN Abhiyaan is a multi-ministerial convergence mission with the vision to ensure attainment of malnutrition free India. POSHAN Abhiyaan provides a platform to converge the activities of various stakeholders towards attaining the goal of 'Suposhit Bharat'. Under POSHAN Abhiyaan the high impact interventions of 18 Ministries/Departments have been mapped-out, especially during the first 1,000 days of child life since conception. Each Converging Ministry/Department prepare action plan related to nutrition and integrate it in their ongoing activities.

To ensure effective Convergence at State level, the Chief Secretary is required to chair the Convergence Action Plan (CAP) meeting on quarterly basis. Similarly, DC/DMs also need to take CAP meeting on quarterly basis. During the year 2020-21, 30 States/UTs submitted Convergence Action Plans (CAPs).

As a result of inter-ministerial convergence, Poshan Maah 2020 witnessed unprecedented participation while following COVID-19 protocols.

(c) & (d) POSHAN Abhiyaan encourages States/UTs to take up replicable nutrition centric **Innovations** with a budgetary allocation of ₹27.85 lakhs per district for the entire duration of the project. As per the guidelines, States/UTs may choose any innovation pilot and scale it up as per requirement and progress. With regard to the status of innovation in all the States/UTs, 26 States/UTs have got their innovation plan approved by the SLSC and have started the implementation process.

To expand and replicate the proven nutrition centric innovative models, POSHAN Abhiyaan further provisions for **Flexi-funds**, given to States/UTs as 7% of the total of all programmatic components under Abhiyaan.

To emulate the policies of those States/UTs that have been successful in improving health and malnutrition, POSHAN Abhiyaan provisions for **Incentive Awards**. Ministry of WCD has recognized significant contributions of State Governments, District teams, Block level teams and Field Functionaries at the POSHAN Abhiyaan Award Ceremony for 2018-19 held on 23rd August, 2019. Names of States/UTs received awards can be seen at **Annexure I**.

Annexure I

Statement referred to in reply to Part (c) & (d) of Lok Sabha Un-Starred Question No.3053 for 06.08.2021 by SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA, SHRIMATI GEETA KORA & SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT regarding Malnutrition Free India.

List of Awardees for the FY 2018-2019

Group	Category of Award		
	ICDS-CAS Implementation	Capacity Building, Convergence, Behaviour Change & Community Mobilisation	Overall Excellence in Implementation
	State/UT	State/UT	State/UT
Group 1			
1 st	Madhya Pradesh	Madhya Pradesh	Rajasthan
2 nd	Chhattisgarh	Chhattisgarh	Madhya Pradesh
Group 2			
1 st	Andhra Pradesh	Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu
2 nd	Tamil Nadu	Maharashtra	Andhra Pradesh
Group 3			
1 st	Mizoram	Himachal Pradesh	Mizoram
2 nd	Himachal Pradesh	Uttarakhand	Himachal Pradesh
Group 4			
1 st	Chandigarh + Dadra and Nagar Haveli	Daman and Diu	Chandigarh + Dadra and Nagar Haveli
