

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3114**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2021

**FUNDING UNDER POSHAN ABHIYAAN**

3114. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

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

- (a) the aims and objectives of Poshan Abhiyaan;
- (b) whether it is true that so far only Rs.16,760 lakhs have been released for the State of Telangana from 2017-18 onwards and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that only 25 percent of the released funds have been utilized so far, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps being taken to utilize the remaining amount;
- (d) the impact of COVID-19 on Poshan Abhiyaan in the country, State/UT-wise particularly in Telangana; and
- (e) the details of allocation made for Poshan Abhiyaan in 2021-22 and how it compares with allocations made at Budget Estimates and Revised Estimates in the last three years, year-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) POSHAN Abhiyaan aims to reduce malnutrition in a phased manner, through a lifecycle approach, by adopting a synergised and result oriented approach. The objective of Abhiyaan is to achieve improvement in nutritional status of Children from 0-6 years, Adolescent Girls, Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers by:
- i. Preventing and reducing Stunting in children (0- 6 years).
  - ii. Preventing and reducing under-nutrition (underweight prevalence) in children (0-6 years).
  - iii. Reducing the prevalence of anemia among children (6-59 months).
  - iv. Reducing the prevalence of anemia among Women and Adolescent Girls in the age group of 15-49 years.
  - v. Reducing Low Birth Weight (LBW).

(b) and (c) Government is providing funds under Supplementary Nutrition Programme and ICDS (General) under Anganwadi Services Scheme in addition to the funds being granted under POSHAN Abhiyaan. The details of fund released and utilized by the state of Telangana from 2017-18 onwards under POSHAN Abhiyaan is at Annexure I. Further, the details of fund released and utilized by the state of Telangana from 2017-18 onwards in Supplementary Nutrition component of the Anganwadi Services Scheme is at Annexure II. Further, Mission Poshan 2.0, an integrated nutrition support programme which subsumes Supplementary Nutrition Programme and POSHAN Abhiyaan, has been announced in budget 2021-2022 for all States/UTs. It intends to strengthen nutritional content, delivery, outreach and outcomes with focus on developing practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity to disease and malnutrition.

(d) During the pandemic, as per the MHA guidelines, all Anganwadi Centres across the country were closed to limit the impact of COVID-19. However, to ensure continuous nutritional support to Anganwadi beneficiaries, Anganwadi Workers and Helpers distributed Supplementary Nutrition at the doorsteps of beneficiaries once in 15 days.

(e) For the year 2020-21, the Budget allocation for the Schemes comprising Anganwadi Services, POSHAN Abhiyaan and Scheme for Adolescent Girls was ₹24,482 crore and the Revised Budget allocation was ₹17902.31 crore. In 2021-22, Schemes comprising Anganwadi Services, POSHAN Abhiyaan and Scheme for Adolescent Girls have been clubbed and named as 'Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0' having budgetary provision of ₹20,105 crore which is 12.3% more than the Revised Budget allocation of ₹17902.31 crore. The year wise allocation made at Budget Estimates and Revised Estimates in last three years is at **Annexure III**.

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## **Annexure-I**

**Statement referred to in reply to Part (b) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Un-Starred Question No.3114 for 06.08.2021 by DR. G. RANJITH REDDY regarding Funding Under POSHAN Abhiyaan**

**Funds released and utilized by the state of Telangana under POSHAN Abhiyaan**

(Rupees in Lakhs)

State	2017-18 Unspent Balance of ISSNIP	Funds released for FY 2018-19	Funds released for FY 2019-20	Funds released for FY 2020-21	Total funds released	Total Central fund Utilization as on 31.03.2021	% Utilization
Telangana	1736.94	8595.70	7003.00	571.20	17906.84	14824.33	82.78

## **Annexure II**

**Statement referred to in reply to Part (b) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Un-Starred Question No.3114 for 06.08.2021 by DR. G. RANJITH REDDY regarding Funding Under POSHAN Abhiyaan**

Fund released and utilized by the state of Telangana from 2017-18 onwards in Supplementary Nutrition component of the Anganwadi Services Scheme

(Rupees in Lakhs)

Year	SNP		ICDS (General)	
	Fund Released	Fund Utilised	Fund Released	Fund Utilised
2017-18	18130.74	19005.85	18905.07	18831.04
2018-19	22045.61	21398.84	21257.53	19260.18
2019-20	22519.69	21325.83	21987.17	20682.58
2020-21	21522.15	-	18408.88	-

\* Unspent Balance/Excess expenditure of F.Y 2020-21 to be adjusted in the funds released during 2021-22 after receiving UC/SoE from the State.

### **Annexure-III**

**Statement referred to in reply to Part (e) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No.3114 for 06.08.2021 by DR. G. RANJITH REDDY regarding Funding Under POSHAN Abhiyaan**

**Budgetary Allocation:** The details of the Budget Allocation at BE & RE for the year 2017-18 to 2019-20 in respect of POSHAN Abhiyaan are given as under:

**(Rupees in  
crore)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Budget Estimate (BE)</b>	<b>Revised Estimates (RE)</b>
2017-18	1500.00	950.00
2018-19	3000.00	3000.00
2019-20	3400.00	3400.00