

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.790
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2021

SCHEMES TO ERADICATE MALNUTRITION AMONG WOMEN

790 SHRIMATI GEETA KORA:

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

- (a) the names of the schemes being implemented by the Government in Jharkhand to check increasing malnutrition among women;
- (b) whether the Government has fixed any accountability to ensure proper implementation of the said schemes; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Government is implementing specific targeted interventions like Poshan Abhiyan, Anganwadi services, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), under the ICDS umbrella with the objective to check increasing malnutrition among women throughout the country including in the State of Jharkhand.

In Budget 2021-22, Government has announced Mission Poshan 2.0 with focus on convergence, governance, capacity building and nutritional reforms to strengthen nutritional content, delivery, outreach and outcomes for addressing malnutrition. In addition, 'Poshan Tracker', a robust ICT enabled platform, has been launched in March, 2021 to ensure real time monitoring of provisioning of supplementary nutrition by use of data analytics for prompt supervision and management of services. The system shall enable real-time monitoring and tracking of all AWCs, AWWs and beneficiaries on defined indicators.

Also, Guidelines on Quality Assurance, Roles and Responsibilities of Duty Holders, procedure for procurement, for transparency, efficiency and accountability in delivery of Supplementary Nutrition have been streamlined. Government has advised States/UTs to ensure that the quality of supplementary nutrition conforms to prescribed standards laid down under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and regulations made thereunder. States/UTs have also been advised to promote use of AYUSH systems for prevention of malnutrition and related diseases. A programme to support development of Poshan Vatikas at Anganwadi centres to meet dietary diversity gap leveraging traditional knowledge in nutritional practices has also been taken up.
