GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.908 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2021

MISSION POSHAN 2.0

908 SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

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

- (a) the details of Mission POSHAN 2.0 scheme initiated by the Government across the country;
- (b) whether any fund has been sanctioned by the Government for the Rajasthan State under this Mission;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the total number of districts of Rajasthan covered and targets fixed under this scheme?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) POSHAN Abhiyaan was launched on 8th March, 2018 with the vision of a malnutrition-free India. The POSHAN Abhiyaan aims to reduce malnutrition from the country in a phased manner and achieve improvement in nutritional status of Children from 0-6 years, Adolescent Girls, Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers in a time bound manner.

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. Steps have been taken to improve nutritional quality and testing in accredited labs, strengthen delivery and leverage technology to improve governance. States/UTs have 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.

Under Supplementary Nutrition Programme, against the allocation of Rs. 40198.42 lakhs, an amount of Rs.34894.46 lakhs has been released to the State of Rajasthan during the financial year 2020-2021. Further, an amount of Rs 992.32 lakhs has been released under Poshan Abhiyaan to the State of Rajasthan during the financial year 2020-2021.
