

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1130**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2021

**NATIONAL NUTRITION MISSION**

1130. SHRI BALAK NATH:  
SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY:  
DR. VISHNU PRASAD M. K.:  
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing National Nutrition Mission in the country and if so, the details and objectives thereof indicating the number of districts covered thereunder at present, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the amount of funds allocated and utilized under the said Mission during each of the last three years and current year, state/UT-wise including Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the number of districts covered, amount spent and persons benefitted under the Mission in Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu including Ajmer Lok Sabha Constituency and Thiruvannamalai district during the last two years;
- (d) the number of people trained so far to strengthen the implementation and operational preparedness under the said Mission; and
- (e) the other measures being taken by the Government to strengthen the said Mission?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) POSHAN Abhiyaan was launched in March 2018 to achieve improvement in nutritional status of Children from 0-6 years, Adolescent Girls, Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers in a time bound manner and to achieve reduction in stunting and wasting in children (0-6 years) as well as reduction in anaemia in women, children and adolescent girls. The Abhiyaan has been rolled out in 36 States/UTs covering 738 Districts. Components under POSHAN Abhiyaan include ICT Application, Convergence, Community Mobilization, Behavioural Change & Jan Andolan, Capacity Building, Incentives and Awards and Innovations.

(b) & (c) All districts of Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu including Ajmer and Thiruvannamalai district are covered under POSHAN Abhiyaan. Under the Abhiyaan, a total of 45,65,877 & 34,15,545 beneficiaries are availing services in the States of Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu respectively. The State/UT wise details of funds allocated in the last three years is at Annexure I which includes States of Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.

(d) Under Capacity Building component of POSHAN Abhiyaan, approx., 10.22 lakh frontline functionaries have been successfully trained. Additionally, approx. 6.61 lakh field functionaries have undergone training through digital platform. Also, till date, 8.3 lakhs Anganwadi Workers/ Anganwadi Helpers have been trained in the ICT application (Poshan Tracker).

(e) Government has taken measures 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 also been taken to improve nutritional quality and testing, strengthen delivery and leverage technology under Poshan Tracker to improve governance. Streamlined Guidelines were issued for transparency and accountability in delivery of supplementary nutrition and to track nutritional outcomes on 13.01.2021. 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 there under. 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 centers to meet dietary diversity gap leveraging traditional knowledge in nutritional practices has also been taken up. As informed by States/UTs, Poshan Vatikas have been developed in 4.37 lakh Anganwadi Centres. Further, during Poshan Pakhwada 2021, 1.10 lakh saplings of medicinal plants were planted.

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## Annexure-I

## State/UT-wise details of funds released and utilised from F.Y. 2018-19 to 2020-21 under POSHAN Abhiyaan

Amount in ₹ lakhs

SN	State/UT	Total Central Funds released from 2018-19 to 2020-21	Total Central Funds utilization as on 31st March 2021
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	936.25	421.44
2	Andhra Pradesh	25363.32	16601.84
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2815.88	708.11
4	Assam	32948.67	18117.52
5	Bihar	49365.6	27823.99
6	Chandigarh	1099.87	513.96
7	Chhattisgarh	12137.21	6505.25
8	Dadra Nagar Haveli and	774.31	682.98
	Daman & Diu	686.7	
9	Delhi	3327.18	2432.58
10	Goa	456.04	222.24
11	Gujarat	29976.16	21769.01
12	Haryana	6808.82	4326
13	Himachal Pradesh	10973.21	7010.78
14	Jammu & Kashmir	9178.53	7912.09
15	Jharkhand	8154.95	5245.93
16	Karnataka	14276.52	11133.42
17	Kerala	10974.73	6696.51
18	Ladakh	164.59	51.41
19	Lakshadweep	427.36	287.27
20	Madhya Pradesh	39398.53	18516.83
21	Maharashtra	58390.84	40154.5
22	Manipur	4389.99	2138.4
23	Meghalaya	5073.39	4979.05
24	Mizoram	2732.96	2575.03
25	Nagaland	5327.67	5239.26
26	Odisha	16358.58	7555.69
27	Puducherry	943.62	264.58
28	Punjab	7346.86	2470.04
29	Rajasthan	23830.57	10349.79
30	Sikkim	1370.99	1276.83
31	Tamil Nadu	25931.46	19476.85
32	Telangana	17906.84	14824.33
33	Tripura	4135.95	3155.13
34	Uttar Pradesh	56968.96	19219.28
35	Uttarakhand	13574.89	7898
36	West Bengal	26751.08	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>531279.08</b>	<b>298555.92</b>