

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 2296**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2021

**INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES SCHEME**

2296: SHRI RATANSINH MAGANSINH RATHOD:  
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:  
DR.DNV SENTHILKUMAR.S.:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
DR.AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

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

- (a) the aims and objectives of launching Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme including challenges faced while implementing the same;
- (b) whether the Government has launched awareness programme for successful implementation of ICDS, if so, the number of such awareness programmes launched during the last three years and achievement made therein;
- (c) the details of the programmes implemented under the ICDS Scheme during each of the last three years and the current year in the State of Maharashtra, Gujarat and Andaman and Nicobar Islands;
- (d) the details of the funds allocated, released and its utilization reported by the said states under the scheme during the said period along with the number of beneficiaries enrolled;
- (e) whether a large number of children and pregnant women enrolled under ICDS scheme died during the last few years and if so, details of the action taken in this regard; and
- (f) whether the Government has approved Strengthening and Restructuring of ICDS Scheme and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Anganwadi Services (Umbrella Integrated Child Development Services Scheme) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented by States/UTs with the following objectives:-
- i. To improve the nutritional and health status of children in the age-group of 0-6 years;
  - ii. To lay the foundation for proper psychological, physical and social development of the child;
  - iii. To reduce the incidence of mortality, morbidity, malnutrition and school dropouts;
  - iv. To achieve effective co-ordination of policy and implementation amongst the various departments to promote child development; and

- v. To enhance the capability of the mother to look after the normal health and nutritional needs of the child through proper nutrition and health education.

Under Anganwadi Services, a package of six services, namely, (i) Supplementary Nutrition; (ii) Pre-school Non-formal Education; (iii) Nutrition & Health Education; (iv) Immunization; (v) Health Check-up; and (vi) Referral Services has been provided to all eligible beneficiaries, namely, children in the age group of 0-6 years, pregnant women and lactating mothers through the platform of Anganwadi Centres across the country. Three of the services viz. Immunization, Health Check-up and Referral Services are related to health and are provided through NRHM & Public Health Infrastructure.

Challenges including filling up of vacancies of Anganwadi Services functionaries, issues around anganwadi infrastructure, smooth delivery of services to beneficiaries etc have been addressed during the implementation of the Scheme through sustained engagements with States.

(b) In order to strengthen processes for community engagement, empowerment of beneficiaries and increased social accountability of ICDS, the POSHAN Abhiyaan provides for the organization of Community Based Events (CBEs) twice in a month on a fixed day of week by each Anganwadi Centre. Under Community Based Events, Annaprasan Diwas, Suposan Diwas (specifically focused on orienting husbands), Celebrating coming of age- getting ready for pre-school at AWC, Messages related to public health for improvement of nutrition and to reduce illness are covered. Approx. 3.70 crore CBEs have been conducted so far.

Nutrition-centric annual Jan Andolans like Poshan Maah and Poshan Pakhwada helped reaching out to the people. The month of September is celebrated as Rashtriya Poshan Maah across the country. Similarly, 8-22 March is celebrated as Poshan Pakhwada. The Poshan Maah and Pakhwada celebrated so far have witnessed wide participation and enthusiasm from convergent Ministries, States/UTs and field functionaries, frontline workers, community groups, PRIs, staff at Block and District level, State departments and Ministries. So far, four Poshan Maah and three Poshan Pakhwada have been celebrated. The recently held Poshan Maah in September 2021 marked more than 20 crore activities nationwide.

No. of activities held in all the Jan Andolans so far since the launch of POSHAN Abhiyaan are as follows:

Jan Andolan	Poshan Pakhwada (No. of activities)	Poshan Maah (No. of activities)
2021	2,21,48,186	20,32,70,763
2020	1,43,15,766	13,85,79,083
2019	83,41,000	3,66,55,410
2018	-	22,58,542

(c) and (d) The details of funds allocated, released and utilized for the last three years and current year by States of Maharashtra, Gujarat and Andaman and Nicobar Islands is at **Annexure I**. The number of beneficiaries enrolled for the last three years and current year by States of Maharashtra, Gujarat and Andaman and Nicobar Islands is at **Annexure II**.

(e) It is submitted that no such information has been brought to the notice of the ministry.

(f) From time to time Government has taken many steps for strengthening Anganwadi Services. These include revision of cost norms of supplementary nutrition, provision of construction of Anganwadi Centres under Convergence with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), provision of drinking water and sanitation facilities under Swacchta Action Plan (SAP) etc. There have been sustained engagements with State Governments for review and improvement including recent interactions to discuss different implementation related issues to strengthen services. Further, streamlined guidelines were issued on 13.01.2021, covering several aspects such as quality assurance, roles and responsibilities of duty holders, procedure for procurement, integrating AYUSH concepts and Data management and monitoring through "Poshan Tracker" for transparency, efficiency and accountability in delivery of Supplementary Nutrition has been issued.

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**Annexure-I**

Statement referred to in part (c) and (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Q.No.2296 for answer on 10.12.2021 regarding Integrated Child Development Services Scheme asked by SHRI RATANSINH MAGANSINH RATHOD: SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE: DR.DNV SENTHILKUMAR.S.: SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: DR.AMOL RAMSING KOLHE: SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

Details of funds allocated, released and utilized for the last three years and current year by States of Maharashtra, Gujarat and Andaman and Nicobar Islands-

**Fund released under Anganwadi Services (Rs. in lakhs)**

S.No	Name of State/ UT	2018-19			2019-20		
		APIP Approved	Funds released	Funds Utilized	APIP Approved	Funds released	Funds Utilized
1.	Maharashtra	114213.97	171214.38	120255.4	129779.45	133136.17	141074.95
2.	Gujarat	61730.48	63148.37	55687.48	71652.67	68684.12	70856.28
3.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1213.36	1291.31	1181.5	1565.88	1190.78	1129.98

**Fund released under Anganwadi Services (Rs. in lakhs)**

S.No	Name of State/ UT	2020-21			2021-22	
		APIP Approved	Funds released	Funds Utilized	APIP Approved	Funds released*
1.	Maharashtra	135921.45	118783.20	Unspent Balance/Excess expenditure of F.Y 2020-21 will be adjusted in the funds released during 2021-22 after receiving UCs/ SoEs from respective States/UTs	158178.15	66717.68
2.	Gujarat	75030.06	61594.01		67956.72	35917.10
3.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	2287.54	1525.44		1681.02	780.72

\*As on 28.11.2021

**Annexure-II**

Statement referred to in the part (c) and (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Q.No.2296 for answer on 10.12.2021 regarding Integrated Child Development Services Scheme asked by SHRI RATANSINH MAGANSINH RATHOD: SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE: DR.DNV SENTHILKUMAR.S.: SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: DR.AMOL RAMSING KOLHE: SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

Details of total beneficiaries enrolled for the last three years and current year by States of Maharashtra, Gujarat and Andaman and Nicobar Islands-

S.No	Name of State/ UT	March -18	March -19	March -20	March -21
1.	Maharashtra	6317563	6157897	7159808	7506390
2.	Gujarat	3849595	3849595	3780623	4216065
3.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	13189	11966	12967	19565