

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.41
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2022

INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

41 SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO:
SHRIMATI GEETA KORA:

Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS);
- (b) the details of the measures taken for addressing the problem of malnutrition in children;
- (c) the details of the measures adopted to strengthen the immune system in children;
- (d) the amount of funds allocated, disbursed and utilized during last three years and the current year so far under ICDS, district-wise in West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar and Jammu and Kashmir; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to raise public awareness regarding the benefits of the scheme?

ANSWER

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

(a)to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Part (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 41 to be answered on 04.02.2022 regarding “Integrated Child Development Scheme”.

(a) Presently, the Anganwadi Services Scheme is implemented through 7075 Projects and 1389110 operational Anganwadi Centres (as on 30.06.2021) across the country covering 9.06 crore beneficiaries.

(b) to (d) In order to improve nutritional outcomes in children to address the issue of malnutrition across the country, the Government is taking the following measures:

- i. Government has accorded high priority to the issue of malnutrition and is implementing several schemes like Anganwadi Services, Scheme for Adolescent Girls and Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) under the Umbrella Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme as direct targeted interventions; Supplementary Nutrition is provided under the Anganwadi Services Scheme in the form of Hot Cooked Meal, Morning Snack and Take Home Ration;
- ii. POSHAN Abhiyaan launched on 8th March 2018, aims to reduce malnutrition in the country in a phased manner, through a synergised and result oriented approach;
- iii. 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 under Poshan 2.0 announced in Budget 2021-22. Steps have also been taken to improve nutritional quality and testing, strengthen delivery and leverage technology under Poshan Tracker, a robust ICT platform to improve governance. 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.
- iv. Streamlined Guidelines were issued for transparency and accountability in delivery of supplementary nutrition and to track nutritional outcomes on 13.01.2021;
- v. Government of India under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), is providing immunization services through outreach and facility based immunization sessions. Periodic intensification of routine immunization activities – Mission Indradhanush and Intensified Mission Indradhanush are undertaken from time to time to vaccinate

the partially vaccinated and unvaccinated children. Further, various activities for demand generation are undertaken through electronic and print media like radio, television, posters, hoardings, social media platforms etc. and Inter personal communication by front line health workers and other community workers like Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs) and Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs).

- vi. The amount of funds allocated, disbursed and utilised during last three years and the current so far under Anganwadi Services Scheme in West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar and Jammu and Kashmir are given at **Annex-I**.

(e) Community mobilization, behavioural change and Jan Andolan component under Poshan Abhiyaan helped reach out to the masses through large nutrition-centric annual Jan Andolans in the form of 4 Poshan Maahs (in September) and 3 Poshan Pakhwadas (in March). The recently held Poshan Maah in September 2021, marked more than 20 crore activities. Also, to strengthen the process of community engagement through events like Annaprashan Diwas, Suposhan Diwas and Godh Bharai, around 3.70 crore Community Based Events (CBEs) have been conducted.

Annexure-1

Details of funds allocated and utilized under Anganwadi Services Scheme in the State of Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Jammu & Kashmir are as under:

| Sl. No. | State/UTs | Fund released under Anganwadi Services | | | | | | | | | | | Funds Utilized |
|---------|-----------------|--|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | 2018-19 | | | 2019-20 | | | 2020-21 | | | 2021-22 | | |
| | | APIP Approved | Funds released | Funds Utilized | APIP Approved | Funds released | Funds Utilized | APIP Approved | Funds released | Funds Utilized | APIP Approved | Funds released | |
| 1 | BIHAR | 135147.85 | 115848.70 | 114124.51 | 144152.87 | 127888.67 | 125363.59 | 167516.01 | 127059.58 | 133815.87 | 159043.49 | 154681.89 | UC not due. |
| 2 | JHARKHAND | 49428.29 | 51573.37 | 44238.55 | 58230.22 | 43355.99 | 42375.41 | 62367.98 | 45784.76 | 13609.62* | 51474.90 | 30825.30 | |
| 3 | WEST BENGAL | 118801.00 | 124775.06 | 96158.00 | 138042.90 | 116399.75 | 13204.6 | 141871.04 | 104720.89 | 89789.29 | 138698.49 | 66835.22 | |
| 4 | JAMMU & KASHMIR | 35706.96 | 37406.56 | 37706.57 | 43489.22 | 31999.86 | 32697.65 | 44436.97 | 28902.02 | 40696.95 | 41891.81 | 23268.95 | |

*Data reflecting in the cell is of Supplementary Nutrition Programme component only as, Utilization Certificate of General Component of F.Y. 2020-21 is awaited from State Government of Jharkhand.