

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1667
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2022

“POSHAN ABHIYAAN”

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

- (a) the budgetary allocation and expenditure on the POSHAN Abhiyaan from 2009-10 to 2021-22;
- (b) the number of children, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers who have availed benefits under the POSHAN Abhiyaan from 2018 to December 2021;
- (c) whether 16 states reported an increase in underweight children and 12 reported severely wasted children according to the National Family Health Survey-5 phase 1 report and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Mission Poshan 2.0 targeted only 112 inspirational districts while malnutrition is a pan-India issue;
- (e) whether there is 18.5 percent reduction in the budget for Mission Poshan 2.0 in 2021-22 compared to allocation in 2020-21 for erstwhile schemes merged into it and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the detailed plan/steps along with the timeline and the manner in which the Government would achieve the targets set under the Abhiyaan?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a) The budgetary allocation (RE) under the scheme from FY 2017-18 to FY 2020-21 is Rs. 11,600.00 crores. From 2021-22, the scheme is part of Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0. Under POSHAN Abhiyaan, total Central funds amounting to Rs. 5256.97 crores have been released since 2017-18 and States/UTs have utilized Rs. 3572.18 crores.

(b) As on 31st December 2021, the number of beneficiaries under POSHAN Abhiyaan are as follows:

Beneficiary Category	No. of Beneficiaries
Children (0-6 years)	7,75,66,662
Pregnant Women & Lactating Mothers	1,27,95,327
Adolescent Girls	1,19,76,322

(c) The States/UT wise prevalence of Wasting and Underweight among children under 5 years as per NFHS 4 (2015-16) and NFHS 5 (2019-21) survey is at **Annexure I**.

(d) All districts of the country including 112 Aspirational Districts are covered under POSHAN Abhiyaan.

(e) As per the Revised Budgetary Allocation (RE) for Mission Poshan 2.0 (comprising POSHAN Abhiyaan, Anganwadi Services and Scheme for Adolescent Girls), there is no decrease in the Budgetary Allocation (RE) for Mission Poshan 2.0 in 2021-22 as compared to allocation in 2020-21.

(f) Mission Poshan 2.0, an integrated nutrition support programme seeks 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, strengthen delivery and leverage technology to improve governance under Poshan Tracker, a robust ICT platform, to improve governance with regard to real time monitoring of provisioning of supplementary nutrition for prompt supervisions and management of services. 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 centers to meet dietary diversity gap leveraging traditional knowledge in nutritional practices has also been taken up. Further, Streamlined Guidelines were issued on 13.01.2021 for transparency and accountability in delivery of supplementary nutrition and to track nutritional outcomes.

Annexure I

States/UT wise prevalence of Wasting and Underweight among children under 5 years as per NFHS survey

S. No.	Name of State/UT	Wasting (%)		Underweight (%)	
		NHFS 4 (2015-16)	NHFS 5 (2019-21)	NHFS 4 (2015-16)	NHFS 5 (2019-21)
	INDIA	21	19.3	35.8	32.1
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	18.9	16	21.6	23.7
2	Andhra Pradesh	17.2	16.1	31.9	29.6
3	Arunachal Pradesh	17.3	13.1	19.4	15.4
4	Assam	17	21.7	29.8	32.8
5	Bihar	20.8	22.9	43.9	41
6	Chandigarh	10.9	8.4	24.5	20.6
7	Chhattisgarh	23.1	18.9	37.7	31.3
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	26.7	21.6	35.8	38.7
9	Delhi	15.9	11.2	27	21.8
10	Goa	21.9	19.1	23.8	24
11	Gujarat	26.4	25.1	39.3	39.7
12	Haryana	21.2	11.5	29.4	21.5
13	Himachal Pradesh	13.7	17.4	21.2	25.5
14	Jammu & Kashmir	12.1	19	16.6	21
15	Jharkhand	29	22.4	47.8	39.4
16	Karnataka	26.1	19.5	35.2	32.9
17	Kerala	15.7	15.8	16.1	19.7
18	Lakshadweep	13.7	17.4	23.6	25.8
19	Ladakh	9.3	17.5	18.7	20.4
20	Madhya Pradesh	25.8	19	42.8	33
21	Maharashtra	25.6	25.6	36	36.1
22	Manipur	6.8	9.9	13.8	13.3
23	Meghalaya	15.3	12.1	28.9	26.6
24	Mizoram	6.1	9.8	12	12.7
25	Nagaland	11.3	19.1	16.7	26.9
26	Orissa	20.4	18.1	34.4	29.7
27	Puducherry	23.6	12.4	22	15.3
28	Punjab	15.6	10.6	21.6	16.9
29	Rajasthan	23	16.8	36.7	27.6
30	Sikkim	14.2	13.7	14.2	13.1
31	Tamil Nadu	19.7	14.6	23.8	22
32	Telangana	18.1	21.7	28.4	31.8
33	Tripura	16.8	18.2	24.1	25.6
34	Uttar Pradesh	17.9	17.3	39.5	32.1
35	Uttarakhand	19.5	13.2	26.6	21
36	West Bengal	20.3	20.3	31.6	32.2