

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5001
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.04.2022

“POSHAN ABHIYAN IN TELANGANA”

5001 SHRI VENKATESH NETHA BORLAKUNTA:
SHRIMATI KAVITHA MALOTHU:
SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:
DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

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

- the details of allocation made for Poshan Abhiyaan during 2021-22;
- the details of funds allocated, released and utilized under Poshan Abhiyaan in Telangana during each of the last five years and the current year;
- the details of proposals received under the Abhiyaan during the years 2018, 2019 and 2020 and action taken by the Ministry thereon; and
- the impact of Poshan Abhiyaan on nutritional indicators of women and children and efforts being made to push in the indicators?

ANSWER

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

(a) In 2021-22, three schemes of MWCD namely Anganwadi Services, POSHAN Abhiyaan and Scheme for Adolescent Girls have been clubbed and named as 'Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0'. The revised budget allocation for the scheme for FY 2021-22 was Rs 19999.55 Cr.

(b) Total fund of Rs 17906.84 Lakh released under POSHAN Abhiyaan to State of Telangana from inception of POSHAN Abhiyaan to 1st January, 2022. Year wise detail is as follows,

States/UTs	Central Funds released in 2017-18	Central Funds released in 2018-19	Central Funds released in 2019-20	Central Funds released in 2020-21	Total Central Funds released till 01.01.2022	Total Central Funds utilised as on 01.01.2022
TELANGANA	1736.94	8595.7	7003	571.2	17906.84	15786.92

(c) Proposals are received from all the States/UTs from time to time, either for release of funds for implementation of various activities under POSHAN Abhiyaan during a particular Financial Year or for revalidation of unspent balances lying with the States/UTs from previous years. All such proposals were promptly examined and appropriate action taken as per extant rules and procedures.

(d) The estimated number of underweight, malnourished and severely malnourished children under 5 years of age is obtained under National Family Health Survey (NFHS) conducted by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. As per the recent report of NFHS-5 (2019-21), the nutrition indicators for children under 5 years have improved as compared with NFHS-4 (2015-16). Stunting has reduced from 38.4% to 35.5%, while Wasting has reduced from 21.0% to 19.3% and Underweight prevalence has reduced from 35.8% to 32.1%.

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 to address the problem of malnutrition in the country. Children with Severe Acute Malnutrition are treated at the Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres established by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Further, Mission Poshan 2.0, an integrated nutrition support programme has been announced in budget 2021-2022 for all States/UTs. It seeks to strengthen nutritional content, delivery, outreach and outcomes with focus on developing practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity to disease and malnutrition.