

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2146**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2022

**DISRUPTION IN NUTRITIONAL SERVICES BY ANGANWADI CENTRES**

2146. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

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

- (a) whether as per a study aided by NITI Aayog, disruptions in Anganwadi Centers (AWC) based nutritional services continued after the lockdown of March 2020 ended and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the number of children returning to AWCs after their reopening, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether as much as 43 percent of the households with Pregnant or Lactating Women (PLW) faced challenges in receiving food from AWCs;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the time spent by Anganwadi workers undertaking various nutrition-related activities decreased, with 47 percent of them having spent more time providing take-home ration to children/PLW and nearly none of them providing hot meals and if so, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e) During COVID-19 pandemic, as per MHA guidelines, all Anganwadi Centres were closed to limit the impact of COVID-19. However, to ensure continuous nutritional support to Anganwadi beneficiaries, Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers distributed Supplementary Nutrition at the doorstep of beneficiaries once in 15 days.

After the lockdown ended, 9.06 crore beneficiaries as on June, 2021 and 9.49 crore beneficiaries as on March, 2022 received Supplementary Nutrition. Details are placed at **Annexure-I** and **Annexure-II** respectively.

During the Covid-19 pandemic period, Ministry sought regular reports from States/UTs to ensure uninterrupted delivery of nutrition and essential services to beneficiaries. During the pandemic, Take Home Ration was provided as anganwadi centres were closed. States/UTs were also submitting progress reports on the implementation of Anganwadi Services. No report was received on challenges faced by beneficiaries.

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**Annexure-I to Lok Sabha USQ No. 2146 to be answered on 29.07.2022  
Statement of beneficiaries under Anganwadi Services as on 30.06.2021**

S. No	State/UTs	Beneficiaries of Supplementary Nutrition					Beneficiaries of Pre-school Education		
		Children (6 months - 3 years)	Children (3 - 6 years)	Total Children (6 months - 6 years)	Pregnant & lactating Mothers (P&LM)	Total Beneficiaries (children 6 mo-6 years plus P&LM)	Boys (3 - 6 years)	Girls (3 - 6 years)	Total (3 - 6 years)
1	Andhra Pradesh	1619718	1050805	2670523	724824	3395347	25310	59695	85005
2	Arunachal Pradesh	74920	87120	162040	19547	181587	44381	42739	87120
3	Assam	1414719	1617562	3032281	504233	3536514	859315	758247	1617562
4	Bihar	4232095	3722042	7954137	1788449	9742586	1972680	1749362	3722042
5	Chhatisgarh	1140480	1027352	2167832	429798	2597630	531024	573793	1104817
6	Goa^	34757	24029	58786	11108	69894	0	0	0
7	Gujarat	1808575	1683424	3491999	659346	4151345	826587	790880	1617467
8	Haryana	673334	430768	1104102	302799	1406901	218855	211913	430768
9	Himachal Pradesh	232445	163141	395586	91779	487365	18339	17580	35919
10	Jharkhand	331487	991189	1322676	159752	1482428	301645	300629	602274
11	Karnataka	2162732	1910577	4073309	904252	4977561	340534	296577	637111
12	Kerala	635189	503352	1138541	346820	1485361	255613	247739	503352
13	Madhya Pradesh	2558553	2451816	5010369	1047575	6057944	367883	358711	726594
14	Maharashtra	3070115	3653256	6723371	1116171	7839542	1209753	1211983	2421736
15	Manipur^	152451	185439	337890	54302	392192	0	0	0
16	Meghalaya	202499	235494	437993	66983	504976	112302	109710	222012

17	Mizoram	50045	49601	99646	20772	120418	10956	10934	21890
18	Nagaland	186655	178991	365646	40850	406496	89732	89207	178939
19	Odisha	1661321	1549932	3211253	655266	3866519	786455	763477	1549932
20	Punjab	548274	339361	887635	262977	1150612	152485	133012	285497
21	Rajasthan	2099870	1340612	3440482	1085975	4526457	683713	656899	1340612
22	Sikkim^	12584	7369	19953	4776	24729	0	0	0
23	Tamil Nadu	1928712	762496	2691208	723890	3415098	387690	374806	762496
24	Telangana	1053745	685847	1739592	468362	2207954	354029	343144	697173
25	Tripura	152361	173494	325855	56692	382547	87423	86071	173494
26	Uttar Pradesh	7454852	4128111	11582963	3335144	14918107	366299	387435	753734
27	Uttarakhand	467021	253603	720624	184357	904981	133206	130455	263661
28	West Bengal ^ *	3649035	3551779	7200814	1568154	8768968	0	0	0
29	A & N Islands	10161	7056	17217	3056	20273	3538	3518	7056
30	Chandigarh	24784	26153	50937	8674	59611	13559	12674	26233
31	Dadra & N Haveli and Daman & Diu	15502	15005	30507	7328	37835	7603	7402	15005
32	Delhi	398350	242723	641073	136612	777685	74066	70167	144233
33	Jammu & Kashmir^	296559	232375	528934	121466	650400	0	0	0
34	Ladakh	9352	8898	18250	3289	21539	1660	1603	3263
35	Lakshadweep	2849	1381	4230	1123	5353	736	645	1381
36	Puducherry	27514	5257	32771	9427	42198	2683	2574	5257
<b>Total</b>		<b>40393615</b>	<b>33297410</b>	<b>73691025</b>	<b>16925928</b>	<b>90616953</b>	<b>10240054</b>	<b>9803581</b>	<b>20043635</b>

^ Due to COVID-19 AWCs could not run Pre-school Education

\* Available data as on 31 March, 2021

**Annexure-II to Lok Sabha USQ No. 2146 to be answered on 29.07.2022**

**Statement of beneficiaries under Anganwadi Services as on 31.03.2022**

S. No	State/UTs	Beneficiaries of Supplementary Nutrition					Beneficiaries of Pre-school Education		
		Children months - 3 (6 years)	Children - 6 years) (3)	Total Children months - 6 years) (6)	Pregnant & lactating Mothers (P&LM)	Total Beneficiaries (children 6 mo-6 years plus P&LM)	Boys - 6 years) (3)	Girls - 6 years) (3)	Total - 6 years) (3)
1	Andhra Pradesh	1563150	918768	2481918	713716	3195634	463061	455707	918768
2	Arunachal Pradesh	74920	87120	162040	19547	181587	44381	42739	87120
3	Assam	1504072	1716760	3220832	503877	3724709	944218	772542	1716760
4	Bihar	4312447	3905485	8217932	1808655	10026587	2029852	1875633	3905485
5	Chhatisgarh	1129532	995627	2125159	473409	2598568	425113	428917	854030
6	Goa^	36709	28207	64916	12202	77118	0	0	0
7	Gujarat	1724251	1666647	3390898	712260	4103158	838097	803034	1641131
8	Haryana	608071	359274	967345	290043	1257388	182114	177160	359274
9	Himachal Pradesh	230762	160669	391431	93066	484497	59574	58023	117597
10	Jharkhand	1699783	1328651	3028434	719175	3747609	510839	505607	1016446
11	Karnataka	2146780	1860706	4007486	799258	4806744	925360	909261	1834621
12	Kerala	576162	537338	1113500	374886	1488386	272320	265018	537338
13	Madhya Pradesh	2697802	3146300	5844102	1088559	6932661	1387936	1362804	2750740
14	Maharashtra	3013369	3426206	6439575	1198509	7638084	1209753	1211983	2421736

15	Manipur#	151983	183292	335275	57376	392651	0	0	0
16	Meghalaya	216537	253812	470349	74994	545343	117289	113470	230759
17	Mizoram	54882	55344	110226	21256	131482	11256	11023	22279
18	Nagaland	188197	180819	369016	41296	410312	91313	89506	180819
19	Odisha	1643047	1731916	3374963	648123	4023086	881770	850146	1731916
20	Punjab	606628	348807	955435	266329	1221764	177427	167533	344960
21	Rajasthan	2252076	1488690	3740766	1118558	4859324	759232	729458	1488690
22	Sikkim	10230	7435	17665	4268	21933	3733	3702	7435
23	Tamil Nadu	1899056	819922	2718978	762155	3481133	414877	405045	819922
24	Telangana	1011900	570063	1581963	390270	1972233	284769	281110	565879
25	Tripura	140168	176387	316555	50216	366771	88868	87519	176387
26	Uttar Pradesh	8151426	4436339	12587765	3663374	16251139	2058347	1966996	4025343
27	Uttarakhand	392264	213527	605791	156725	762516	132672	130163	262835
28	West Bengal^	3513492	3357253	6870745	1465148	8335893	0	0	0
29	A & N Islands	9765	7017	16782	2919	19701	8458	8324	16782
30	Chandigarh	23393	26644	50037	9394	59431	12455	11787	24242
31	Dadra & N Haveli and Daman & Diu	15897	15842	31739	8678	40417	7879	7963	15842
32	Delhi	431992	292898	724890	156573	881463	133388	124560	257948
33	Jammu & Kashmir	381275	348461	729736	156757	886493	119847	112904	232751
34	Ladakh	9167	9235	18402	3271	21673	4704	4531	9235
35	Lakshadweep	2819	1063	3882	1053	4935	559	504	1063
36	Puducherry	26237	6076	32313	9670	41983	3090	2986	6076
<b>Total</b>		<b>42450241</b>	<b>34668600</b>	<b>77118841</b>	<b>17875565</b>	<b>94994406</b>	<b>14604551</b>	<b>13977658</b>	<b>28582209</b>

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