

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 2207
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2022

“INTEGRATED NUTRITION SUPPORT PROGRAMME”

2207 SHRI P RAVINDHRANATH:

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

- (a) the number of beneficiaries covered under the Integrated Nutrition Support Programme and mission Poshan since the inception of this scheme in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether the Government has also constituted monitoring mechanism to ensure the benefits of this scheme, to address the challenges of malnutrition among children and women, especially in rural and tribal areas reaches the targetted beneficiaries; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the financial allocation made by the Government since the inception of this scheme?

ANSWER

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

(a) Under Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, the existing number of beneficiaries covered in the State of Tamil Nadu is around 34,81,133 comprising 7,62,155 Pregnant & Lactating Mothers (P&LM), 18,99,056 Children (6 months-3 years) and 8,19,922 Children (3-6 years).

(b) A robust ICT enabled platform named as “Poshan Tracker” has been launched to facilitate the monitoring of the activities of the Anganwadi Centre (AWC), service deliveries under the Program and beneficiary management for pregnant women, lactating mothers and children. The application aims to improve governance with regard to monitoring and provisioning of supplementary nutrition for prompt supervisions and management of services. For the first time, Anganwadi workers have been provided with 11.30 lakh smart phones. Besides, to promote regular growth monitoring 11.94 lakh Growth Monitoring Devices (Infantometer, Stadiometer, Weighing Scale for Infants and Weighing Scale for MOther and Child) have been procured by States/UTs under the Abhiyaan.

Further, Streamlining Guidelines on 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 were issued on 13th January

2021. Under these Guidelines, the District Magistrate is the Nodal Point in the district for monitoring nutritional status and quality standards. The DM/Collector shall chair, supervise and monitor the activities of the District Nutrition Committee. Further, at the State Level, Chief Secretary of the States/UTs shall coordinate the activities of various departments through a State Level Steering Committee to ensure effective convergence between various schemes/programs having bearing on nutrition and review the progress made regarding nutritional indicators on regular basis. The program also provides for involvement of village communities, Mothers Groups, and Panchayati Raj institutions to bring forth community ownership and encourage accountability.

(c) State/UT-wise statement of funds allocated under POSHAN Abhiyaan (as on 31.03.2022) is at **Annexure-I**.

**Statement of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question
29.07.2022.**

**Annexure – I
No.2207 dated**

Amount in ₹ lakh

Sl.	States/UTs	Total Central Funds released till 31.03.2022
1	A & N ISLANDS	1343.49
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	25363.32
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	2815.88
4	ASSAM	32948.67
5	BIHAR	49365.59
6	CHANDIGARH	890.04
7	CHHATTISGARH	11434.54
8	D & N HAVELI and DAMAN & DIU	1196.11
9	DELHI	3327.18
10	GOA	456.04
11	GUJARAT	29127.69
12	HARYANA	6808.82
13	HIMACHAL PRADESH	10895.41
14	JAMMU & KASHMIR	9224.35
15	JHARKHAND	6665.8
16	KARNATAKA	14276.52
17	KERALA	10444.89
18	LADAKH	118.768
19	LAKSHADWEEP	425.65

20	MADHYA PRADESH	39398.53
21	MAHARASHTRA	60810.846
22	MANIPUR	4389.99
23	MEGHALAYA	5073.386
24	MIZORAM	3328.51
25	NAGALAND	5624.11
26	ODISHA	28014.46
27	PUDUCHERRY	943.62
28	PUNJAB	6909.84
29	RAJASTHAN	22904.21
30	SIKKIM	1370.988
31	TAMIL NADU	25060.44
32	TELANGANA	17906.84
33	TRIPURA	4135.95
34	UTTAR PRADESH	56968.96
35	UTTARAKHAND	13574.89
36	WEST BENGAL	26751.08
Total		540295.40