

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1100
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2024

PM POSHAN Scheme in Andhra Pradesh

1100 **Shri Bastipati Nagaraju:**
Shri Appalanaidu Kalisetti:
Shri Kesineni Sivanath:
Dr. Byreddy Shabari:
Shri G Lakshminarayana:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of schools and students covered under the PM POSHAN scheme in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years, year-wise and district-wise especially in Anantapur, Nandyal and Vizianagaram;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated and disbursed by the Government for the above scheme in the State during the last five years, year-wise, district-wise especially in Anantapur, Nandyal and Vizianagaram;
- (c) whether the district level screening committees have been formed by the Government for monitoring and conducting social and financial audits of the scheme in the State, district-wise especially in Anantapur, Nandyal and Vizianagaram;
- (d) if so, the number of meetings held by each Committee during the last five years, district wise especially in Anantapur, Nandyal and Vizianagaram and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether there was any lapse of central share allotted for PM POSHAN scheme for Andhra Pradesh during the last five years and the current year, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to enhance the involvement of Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) and Farmer Producers Organisations (FPOs) in the implementation of PM POSHAN scheme in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years, year-wise district-wise especially in Anantapur, Nandyal and Vizianagaram?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a): The total number of schools covered under the PM POSHAN Scheme in Andhra Pradesh during last five years, including districts of Anantapur, Nandyal, Vizianagaram is as under:-

Year	Total Schools	Schools covered in Anantapur	Schools covered in Nandyal	Schools covered in Vizianagaram
2019-20	45484	3753	New Districts formed in the year 2022-23	2701
2020-21	45545	3757		2701
2021-22	45180	3760		2701
2022-23	44392	1698	1368	1752
2023-24	44150	1694	1368	1751

(b): The details of funds released under PM POSHAN Scheme in respect of the State of Andhra Pradesh during last five years, including the districts of Anantapur, Nandyal, Vizianagaram is as under:-

Year	Releases (Rs in lakh)		
	Central (60%)	State (40%)	Total
2019-20	25139.68	14450.14	39589.82
2020-21	32664.26	18879.09	51543.35
	35731.48	20595.79	56327.27
2022-23	36531.92	21568.72	58100.64
2023-24	25122.14	7565.46	32687.60

(c) & (d): The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has reported that under PM POSHAN Scheme, the district level Steering-cum-Monitoring Committees (SMCs) have been formed under the chairmanship of respective Collector & District Magistrate. The Social Audit for the years 2022-23 and 2023-24 was conducted by Andhra Pradesh Society for Social Audit Accountability and Transparency (APSSAAT), Department of Rural Development. The State Government has further reported that during 2019-20, 26 district level SMC meetings were held in the State. However, no district level or state level SMC meeting was held during 2020-21 and 2021-22 due to COVID pandemic. During 2022-23, a total of 260 SMC meetings were held in the State with 10 meetings each in the districts of Anantapur, Nandyal, Vizianagaram. During 2023-24, 26 district level SMC meetings were held in the State.

(e): The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has stated that the unspent balance for the last five years is as under:

Year	Unspent Balance as on 31st March (Rs. in Lakhs)		
	Central (60%)	State (40%)	Total
2019-20	189.18	0.00	189.18
2020-21	189.18	0.00	189.18
2021-22	562.84	0.00	562.84
2022-23	3222.18	3770.80	6992.98
2023-24	0.00	1142.34	1142.34

During the years 2019-20 & 2020-21 the above unspent balance was revalidated by GOI. From 2021-22 to 2023-24, the budget was released by State Government of Andhra Pradesh to Single Nodal Agency Account.

(f): The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that locally grown food items like vegetables, condiments etc., are being used for preparation of hot cooked meals in schools. The women Self Help Groups (SHGs) are engaged as Cook-cum-Helpers (CCHs) for cooking and serving of meals. The Farmer Producer Organizations are encouraged for supply of locally grown food items. The year-wise details of CCHs engaged in the State during last five years, including district of Anantapur, Nandyal, Vizianagaram is as under:

Year	Total number of Cooks cum Helper (CCH) engaged in the State of Andhra Pradesh	Number of CCH engaged in Anantapur	Number of CCH engaged in Nandyal	Number of CCH engaged in Vizianagaram
2019-20	88,296	7620	0	5385
2020-21	88,296	7620	0	5385
2021-22	88,296	7620	0	5385
2022-23	88,296	4156	3338	3736
2023-24	88,296	4156	3338	3666
