

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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NUTRITIOUS FOOD FOR CHILDREN IN ANGANWADI CENTRES

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

- (a) the details of the budget allocated and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to inculcate the good nutritional habits among the children of Anganwadi Centres across the country under - Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi Scheme;
- (b) whether there is any special training session organized for the Anganwadi workers in the State of Himachal Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the details thereof particularly in Kangra and Chamba districts;
- (d) whether any system/unit has been installed/set up to monitor the holistic development of the children under the said scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (c) Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi (PBPB) initiative of Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 was launched on 10 May 2023 to bring focus of the Anganwadi system on early childhood care and education and transform Anganwadi Centres into learning centres having high quality infrastructure, play equipment, and well-trained Anganwadi Workers to stimulate the creative, social, emotional and cognitive development of children under 6 years of age. A budget of Rs 476.05 crores has been allocated under PBPB for F.Y. 2023-24 to F.Y. 2025-26 for training of State Level Master Trainers (SLMTs) and all Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) across the country. Till date, under PBPB, a total of 530 SLMTs have been trained from state of Himachal Pradesh from 11 districts including Kangra and Chamba districts.

(d) & (e) IT systems have been leveraged to strengthen and bring about transparency in nutrition delivery support systems at the Anganwadi centres. The 'Poshan Tracker' application was rolled out on 1st March, 2021 as an important governance tool. The Poshan Tracker facilitates monitoring and tracking of all Anganwadi centres (AWCs), AWWs and beneficiaries on defined indicators. Technology under Poshan Tracker is being leveraged for dynamic identification of stunting, wasting, under-weight prevalence among children. The mobile application has also facilitated digitization and automation of physical registers used by AWWs that helps in improving their quality of

work. Poshan Tracker is available in 24 languages including Hindi and English. It has facilitated near real time data collection for Anganwadi Services such as, daily attendance, Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), Provision of Hot Cooked Meal (HCM)/Take Home Ration, proper measurement and recording of weight & height of beneficiaries etc.
