

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3006
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2024

DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN THROUGH OF ANGANWADI CENTRES

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

- (a) whether the Government has achieved its goals and objectives of improving the overall development, health facilities, education and nutritional status of poor children through Anganwadi Centres in different States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State and district-wise in Maharashtra; and
- (c) the effective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the condition of Anganwadi Centres in different States of the country including Maharashtra?

ANSWER

MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) & (b): In the 15th FC, under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, emphasis is given for nutritional support for children below the age of 6 years, pregnant women and lactating mothers, Adolescent Girls (14 – 18 years); Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) [3-6 years]; Anganwadi infrastructure including modern, upgraded Saksham Anganwadi, Poshan Abhiyaan and Scheme for Adolescent Girls have been reorganized under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0).

Mission Poshan 2.0 focuses on Maternal Nutrition, Infant and Young Child Feeding Norms, Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM)/Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and Wellness through Ayush practices to reduce wasting and under-weight prevalence besides stunting and anaemia. It seeks to address the challenges of malnutrition in children, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers through a strategic shift in nutrition content and delivery and by creation of a convergent eco-system to develop and promote practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity.

Various rounds of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) conducted since 1992-93 have shown improvement in malnutrition indicators in children across India. Details of these indicators for children under 5 years since NFHS-1 to NFHS-5 are given below:

NFHS Survey	Underweight %	Wasting %	Stunting %
NFHS-1 (1992-93)*	53.4	17.5	52
NFHS-2 (1998-99)**	47	15.5	45.5
NFHS-3 (2005-6)***	42.5	19.8	48.0
NFHS-4 (2015-16)***	35.8	21.0	38.4
NFHS-5 (2019-21)***	32.1	19.3	35.5

* Under 4 years

** Under 3 years

*** Under 5 years

The above table gives a representative picture of malnutrition indicators among all children of 0-3 years, 0-4 years and 0-5 years age at that time. The table shows that level of malnutrition among children has been generally coming down during the last 30 years.

The projected population of all children up to 5 years in India for the year 2021 is 13.75 crore (source: Population Projections for India and States 2011-2036, National Commission on Population, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare). However, only 7.65 crore children up to 5 years are enrolled in Anganwadis and registered on Poshan Tracker of the Ministry of Women & Child Development as per June 2024 data of Poshan Tracker. 7.37 crore of these children were measured on growth parameters. 36.5% of these children have been found to be stunted, 16.4% children have been found to be underweight and 6% children have been found to be wasted.

Further, the projected population of all children in India up to 6 years for the year 2021 is 16.1 crore. As per June 2024 data of Poshan Tracker, 8.91 crore children (0-6 years) are enrolled in Anganwadis out of whom 8.57 crore children were measured on growth parameters. 35.6% of these children (0-6 years) have been found to be stunted and 17.2% children (0-6 years) have been found to be underweight.

Government has launched Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi (PBPB) initiative on 10th May, 2023 for upskilling of all anganwadi workers across the country to build their capacity to provide ECCE and nutrition service to the children below six years of age. As on June 2024, under Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi, 11,364 State Level Master Trainers

(CDPOs, Supervisors and Additional Resource Persons) have been trained across the country.

State Wise details of beneficiaries including State of Maharashtra are at **Annexure I**.

(c): To improve infrastructure at the existing AWCs across the country various efforts have been made. In order to rationalise the number of Anganwadi centres across the country vis-à-vis the registered beneficiaries, Government of India has, directed States/UTs to co-locate Anganwadi Centres, which are running on rent without sufficient infrastructure, at nearby Primary Schools, where space is available. Further, the Government has decided to upgrade all Mini AWCs with one worker to a full-fledged Anganwadi Centre with one worker and one helper.

Under Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, for the 15th Finance Commission cycle, two lakh Anganwadi Centres located in Government buildings @ 40,000 AWCs per year are to be strengthened and upgraded for improved nutrition delivery to beneficiaries and for delivery of ECCE to stimulate the creative, social, emotional, cognitive and intellectual development of children under 6 years of age. Till date, 92108 AWCs have been sanctioned for upgradation to Saksham Anganwadi.

Under MGNREGS component, beginning from FY 2021-22, 50000 AWCs building are to be constructed over a period of five years @ 10000 AWCs per year. The cost norms for construction of Anganwadi Centres in convergence with MGNREGS have been revised to Rs.12 Lakh per AWC wherein Rs.8.00 Lakh would be provided under MGNREGS, Rs.2.00 Lakh under 15th FC (or any other untied funds) and Rs.2.00 Lakh by MWCD per AWC to be shared between Centre and States/UTs in the prescribed cost sharing ratio.

Under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, in convergence with Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyay Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN) scheme, construction of 1050 AWCs have been sanctioned. State wise details of number of AWCs including State of Maharashtra sanctioned for construction are at **Annexure II**

During F.Y. 2023-24, an amount of Rs. 2132.28 lakh and Rs 1782.24 lakh was released to State of Maharashtra for construction of Toilet in 9830 AWCs and providing Drinking water connections in 17473 AWCs respectively.

Annexure I

Statement in regards to part (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Un-Starred Question No. 3006 On “Development Of Children Through of Anganwadi Centres” raised by Shri. Ravindra Dattaram Waikar due for answer on 09.08.2024

State-Wise number of beneficiaries registered under the Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 as per Poshan Tracker data as on 30.06.2024:

S.No	Name of State/UT	Number of Beneficiaries
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	12905
2.	Andhra Pradesh	3272799
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	98460
4.	Assam	3336585
5.	Bihar	10923272
6.	Chhattisgarh	2714583
7.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli - Daman & Diu	39772
8.	Delhi	688836
9.	Goa	57683
10.	Gujarat	3676203
11.	Haryana	2009647
12.	Himachal Pradesh	581853
13.	J&K	838143
14.	Jharkhand	3464451
15.	Karnataka	3928840
16.	Kerala	2188686
17.	Ladakh	18481
18.	Lakshadweep	4514
19.	Madhya Pradesh	7684764
20.	Maharashtra	7011640
21.	Manipur	324410
22.	Meghalaya	438884
23.	Mizoram	138669
24.	Nagaland	136165
25.	Odisha	4246696

26.	Puducherry	36344
27.	Punjab	1600841
28.	Rajasthan	4450703
29.	Sikkim	42025
30.	Tamil Nadu	4066408
31.	Telangana	2080636
32.	Tripura	365995
33.	Chandigarh	44220
34.	Uttar Pradesh	22554563
35.	Uttarakhand	845448
36.	West Bengal	8710855
	Total	10,26,34,979

Annexure II

Statement in regards to part (c) of Lok Sabha Un-Starred Question No. 3006 On “Development Of Children Through of Anganwadi Centres” raised by Shri. Ravindra Dattaram Waikar due for answer on 09.08.2024

State-Wise number of AWCs to be constructed under PM JANMAN.

S No.	Name of State/UT	No. of AWCs to be constructed
1	Andhra Pradesh	170
2	Bihar	49
3	Chhattisgarh	54
4	Gujarat	67
5	Jharkhand	111
6	Karnataka	20
7	Kerala	7
8	Madhya Pradesh	217
9	Maharashtra	68
10	Manipur	13
11	Odisha	58
12	Rajasthan	10
13	Tamil Nadu	26
14	Telangana	85
15	Tripura	88
16	Uttar Pradesh	1
17	Uttrakhand	6
	Total	1050
