

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 3014
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2024

“UPGRADATION OF ANGANWADI CENTRES”

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SMT. SUPRIYA SULE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take measures under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 for strengthening and upgrading the Anganwadi Centres across the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of Saksham Anganwadis functioning in the State of Maharashtra;
- (c) the details of proposals received by the Government to open such Anganwadis in different districts of Maharashtra State along with the plan formulated therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has achieved success in the objectives of Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 campaign in the State of Maharashtra and if so, the details and the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the amount of funds released and utilized to achieve the objectives of Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 campaign during last three years and the current year, State and year-wise; and
- (f) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for the success of Saksham Anganwadi in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (c) During the 15th Finance Commission cycle, 2 lakh Anganwadi Centres @ 40,000 AWCs per year are to be upgraded as Saksham Anganwadis for improved nutrition delivery and for early childhood care and education (ECCE). Saksham Anganwadis are to be provided with infrastructure better than the conventional

Anganwadi Centres including internet/Wi-Fi connectivity through Bharat Net (wherever possible), LED screens, water purifier/installation of RO Machine, Poshan Vatika, ECCE books and learning material etc. A total of 92108 AWCs are approved for upgradation to Saksham AWCs across the country including 1739 AWCs in Maharashtra for which funds amounting to Rs. 8.73 Crore were allocated and released upto FY 2023-24.

(d) Various rounds of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) conducted since 1992-93 have shown improvement in malnutrition indicators in children across India including Maharashtra. 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 including Maharashtra 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 including Maharashtra were measured on growth parameters. 44.6% of these children have been found to be stunted, 16.7% children have been found to be underweight and 4.8% children have been found to be wasted in the State of Maharashtra.

Further, the projected population of all children in India including Maharashtra 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 including Maharashtra. 42.5% of these children (0-6 years) have been found to be stunted and 17.8% children (0-6 years) have been found to be underweight in the State of Maharashtra.

(e) Details of amount of funds released and utilized to achieve the objectives of Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 campaign during the last three years and the current year, State and year wise is placed at Annexure I.

(f) Under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, 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 is 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.

The unit cost approved for construction of toilet is Rs.36000/- per AWC and for drinking water provisioning the approved cost is Rs. 17000/- per AWC to be shared by Centre and States/UTs as per the cost sharing ratio.

Apart from this, the Government has issued orders for upgradation of all mini AWC to regular AWCs. This would add an Anganwadi Helper in these Anganwadi Centres across the country to share the burden of Anganwadi worker so that the component of ECCE can be strengthened. Further, directions have been issued to States/UTs to co-locate Anganwadi Centres, which are running on rent without sufficient infrastructure, at nearby Primary Schools, where space is available.

Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi initiative was launched on 10 May 2023 to bring focus of the Anganwadi system on early childhood care and education and transform the Anganwadi Centre into a Learning Centre 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.

Annexure I

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (E) OF LOK SABHA UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 3014 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2024 REGARDING “UPGRADATION OF ANGANWADI CENTRES” BY SHRI SANJAY DINA PATIL, DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE, SHRI AASHTIKAR PATIL NAGESH BAPURAO, PROF. VARSHA EKNATH GAIKWAD, SHRI MOHITE PATIL DHAIRYASHEEL RAJSINH, SHRI NILESH DNYANDEV LANKE, SHRI AMAR SHARADRAO KALE, SHRI BHASKAR MURLIDHAR BHAGARE, SHRI BAJRANG MANOHAR SONWANE AND SMT. SUPRIYA SULE.

Statement indicating State wise year wise funds released and utilized under Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0

S N	Name of the State/UT	Mission Poshan 2.0 (Rs. in Lakh)					
		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24*	2024-25**
		Funds released	Fund utilised	Funds released	Fund utilised	Funds released	Funds released
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1971.15	1336.46	384.98	384.98	1215.15	206.25
2	Andhra Pradesh	74460.38	74990.85	82778.78	72144.95	70568.20	0
3	Arunachal Pradesh	17082.84	23076.54	13778.25	14574.30	16206.09	293.19
4	Assam	131989.88	143219.22	165162.57	171700.43	223331.30	0
5	Bihar	157443.07	160801.50	174009.24	158660.63	185928.90	31130.1
6	Chandigarh	1532.18	2308.52	3309.90	3432.56	1979.45	436.19
7	Chattisgarh	60673.15	52272.36	66896.43	57180.10	57945.59	14826.2
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	933.39	955.91	579.95	579.95	1196.64	102.57
9	Delhi	13310.70	12552.28	18277.00	14283.72	16181.26	0
10	Goa	1083.56	1291.72	1470.85	1683.08	1394.69	181.33
11	Gujarat	83985.65	75792.18	91264.39	55230.40	112680.34	0
12	Haryana	17303.35	14698.80	19524.92	15024.32	22578.36	4943.01
13	Himachal Pradesh	24798.74	38667.93	27023.89	24775.74	30108.79	0
14	Jammu & Kashmir	40573.74	70456.92	47901.11	41622.77	53088.35	4224.69
15	Jharkhand	35297.77	18330.29	43091.04	59603.28	66430.42	15079.4
16	Karnataka	100370.19	98461.76	76586.95	88564.69	91296.49	0
17	Kerala	38822.74	39797.90	44497.62	32543.44	30664.43	5227.76

18	Ladakh	1469.55	1467.45	1878.52	1878.52	1962.01	437.75
19	Lakshadweep	210.52	272.64	44.18	44.18	288.11	51.7
20	Madhya Pradesh	108546.91	105582.95	101157.08	103867.03	112311.11	36588.7
21	Maharashtra	171338.93	160901.59	164616.98	158997.32	169951.77	36927.2
22	Manipur	22892.04	17728.41	13595.43	16773.59	20127.94	5966.87
23	Meghalaya	17332.82	17786.35	19239.17	20024.05	26968.59	1752.48
24	Mizoram	5931.57	6157.21	4280.74	5302.24	10026.87	0
25	Nagaland	15980.27	16020.96	19929.81	19046.91	26290.93	2704.91
26	Odisha	106598.46	87120.18	92392.36	88496.28	96879.90	22451
27	Puducherry	277.80	612.87	11.55	667.88	447.72	0
28	Punjab	38351.68	17793.83	7530.84	24724.93	30787.13	4141.85
29	Rajasthan	68264.63	77164.16	97401.80	93617.04	109196.47	21803.7
30	Sikkim	2573.06	2459.08	2032.69	2408.62	3348.65	0
31	TamilNadu	65538.13	68127.94	76680.73	74129.75	88078.90	0
32	Telangana	48232.68	47929.87	55068.81	50333.11	50786.94	0
33	Tripura	18672.47	17165.52	15051.87	18654.88	24422.41	185.5
34	Uttar Pradesh	240755.08	234191.44	272187.35	262263.56	266868.77	65550.2
35	Uttarakhand	35365.25	33602.58	42584.47	36477.05	28823.88	424.15
36	West Bengal	66835.22	137830.50	122758.88	145588.75	123756.19	42342.8
Total		1836799.5	1878926.6	1984981.1	1935285.0	2174118.7	317979.5
		5	7	3	3	4	0

*Utilisation not due

**Fund released upto 31.07.2024.
