

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3120
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2024

ENROLLMENT OF CHILDREN UNDER ICDS

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

- (a) the details of the data on children and mothers benefited from Integrated Child Development Schemes (ICDS) program during the last three years particularly in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated and utilized for ICDS during the last three financial years, State-wise including Gujarat;
- (c) the details of the data on the nutritional improvements observed in children enrolled in ICDS and the comparative analysis thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any steps to further improve the infrastructure and quality of services under ICDS; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a): The number of children and mothers benefited from the Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 [earlier known as Umbrella Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme] for the last three years in the State of Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat is given in the following table:

	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
State	Number of registered Children (6 months- 6 years)	Number of registered Pregnant women & lactating mothers	Number of registered Children (6 months- 6 years)	Number of registered Pregnant women & lactating mothers	Number of registered Children (6 months- 6 years)	Number of registered Pregnant women & lactating mothers
Gujarat	3560600	726808	3214441	518129	3129495	413036
Maharashtra	6459713	1022450	6251221	820903	6057253	616174
Uttar Pradesh	15823305	3395099	17170999	3297461	18616704	2702146

(b): The State-wise details of the funds allocated and utilized under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 during the last three financial years including Gujarat are at **Annexure**.

(c): 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.

(d) & (e): To improve infrastructure at the existing Anganwadi Centres (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.

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.

Under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (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.

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 AWCs, AWWs and beneficiaries on defined indicators. Technology under Poshan Tracker is being leveraged for dynamic identification of prevalence of stunting, wasting, under-weight 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 (THR-not raw ration), Growth Measurement etc.

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. Under Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi, 13,761 State Level Master Trainers [Child Development Project Officers (CDPOs), Supervisors and Additional Resource Persons] have been trained across the country as on date.

Annexure

**Statement with regard to part (b) of Lok Sabha Un-Starred Question No. 3120 On
“Enrollment of Children under ICDS” raised by Dr.Shrikant Eknath Shinde &
Others due for answer on 09.08.2024**

(Rupees in lakhs)

SN	Name of the State/UT	Mission Poshan 2.0				
		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24 *
		Funds released	Fund utilised	Funds released	Fund utilised	Funds released
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1971.15	1336.46	384.98	384.98	1215.15
2	Andhra Pradesh	74460.38	74990.85	82778.78	72144.95	70568.20
3	Arunachal Pradesh	17082.84	23076.54	13778.25	14574.30	16206.09
4	Assam	131989.88	143219.22	165162.57	171700.43	223331.30
5	Bihar	157443.07	160801.50	174009.24	158660.63	185928.90
6	Chandigarh	1532.18	2308.52	3309.90	3432.56	1979.45
7	Chattisgarh	60673.15	52272.36	66896.43	57180.10	57945.59
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	933.39	955.91	579.95	579.95	1196.64
9	Delhi	13310.70	12552.28	18277.00	14283.72	16181.26
10	Goa	1083.56	1291.72	1470.85	1683.08	1394.69
11	Gujarat	83985.65	75792.18	91264.39	55230.40	112680.34
12	Haryana	17303.35	14698.80	19524.92	15024.32	22578.36
13	Himachal Pradesh	24798.74	38667.93	27023.89	24775.74	30108.79
14	Jammu & Kashmir	40573.74	70456.92	47901.11	41622.77	53088.35
15	Jharkhand	35297.77	18330.29	43091.04	59603.28	66430.42
16	Karnataka	100370.19	98461.76	76586.95	88564.69	91296.49
17	Kerala	38822.74	39797.90	44497.62	32543.44	30664.43
18	Ladakh	1469.55	1467.45	1878.52	1878.52	1962.01
19	Lakshadweep	210.52	272.64	44.18	44.18	288.11
20	Madhya Pradesh	108546.91	105582.95	101157.08	103867.03	112311.11
21	Maharashtra	171338.93	160901.59	164616.98	158997.32	169951.77
22	Manipur	22892.04	17728.41	13595.43	16773.59	20127.94
23	Meghalaya	17332.82	17786.35	19239.17	20024.05	26968.59
24	Mizoram	5931.57	6157.21	4280.74	5302.24	10026.87
25	Nagaland	15980.27	16020.96	19929.81	19046.91	26290.93
26	Odisha	106598.46	87120.18	92392.36	88496.28	96879.90
27	Puducherry	277.80	612.87	11.55	667.88	447.72

28	Punjab	38351.68	17793.83	7530.84	24724.93	30787.13
29	Rajasthan	68264.63	77164.16	97401.80	93617.04	109196.47
30	Sikkim	2573.06	2459.08	2032.69	2408.62	3348.65
31	Tamil Nadu	65538.13	68127.94	76680.73	74129.75	88078.90
32	Telangana	48232.68	47929.87	55068.81	50333.11	50786.94
33	Tripura	18672.47	17165.52	15051.87	18654.88	24422.41
34	Uttar Pradesh	240755.08	234191.44	272187.35	262263.56	266868.77
35	Uttarakhand	35365.25	33602.58	42584.47	36477.05	28823.88
36	West Bengal	66835.22	137830.50	122758.88	145588.75	123756.19
Total		1836799.55	1878926.67	1984981.13	1935285.03	2174118.74

*Utilisation of funds released to the States/UTs during FY 2023-24 is not due.
