

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 828**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2024

**“COVERAGE AND IMPACT OF THE INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES SCHEME”**

828. SHRI BAIJAYANT PANDA:

Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the update on the coverage and impact of the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme (ICDS) in reducing malnutrition among children; and
- (b) whether the steps have been taken to address the challenges faced in the implementation of ICDS particularly in remote and tribal areas, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme and is being implemented in all the 36 States/UTs. As per the data of Poshan Tracker for the month of June 2024, around 10.26 crore beneficiaries are registered under the Scheme.

The indicators for malnutrition like children being underweight, stunted and wasted have shown a steady improvement as per the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) conducted by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. As per the report of NFHS-5 (2019-21), the nutrition indicators for children under 5 years have improved as compared with NFHS-4 (2015-16). Stunting has reduced from 38.4% to 35.5%, while Wasting has reduced from 21.0% to 19.3% and Underweight prevalence has reduced from 35.8% to 32.1%.

As per the data of Poshan Tracker for the month of June 2024, around 8.57 crore children under 6 years were measured, out of whom 35% were found to be stunted and 17% were found to be underweight and 6% children under 5 years were found to be wasted. The levels of underweight and wasting in children as obtained from Poshan Tracker are much less than those projected by NFHS 5.

(b) Under the PM-JANMAN Scheme of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Ministry of Women & Child Development has sanctioned 916 new Anganwadi Centers in Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) habitations during FY 2023-24.

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