

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1852  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2024**

**BASIC FACILITIES AT ANGANWADI CENTRES**

1852. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

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

- (a) the measures taken by the Government to ensure that all Anganwadi Centres across the country, particularly in Rajasthan are equipped with functional toilets, handwashing facilities, and running water, in line with the goals of the Swachh Bharat Mission;
- (b) the monitoring programme for water and sanitation in Anganwadi Centres, particularly the progress made in terms of sanitation coverage;
- (c) the scope and impact of the Swasth Bharat Prerak (SBP) programme in strengthening nutritional support at the grassroots level;
- (d) whether this initiative contribute to the implementation of the National Nutrition Mission, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details regarding implementation of schemes for the development of women and children under the Swachh Bharat Mission, including the allocation and utilization of funds for these initiatives, particularly in Rajasthan?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR)

(a) & (b) Under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, there is a provision of funds for providing drinking water facilities and construction of toilets. In order to improve the infrastructure facility of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs), the Ministry has enhanced the cost for providing drinking water facility at Anganwadi Centre to Rs.17,000/- from Rs.10,000/- and for construction of toilet to Rs.36,000/ from Rs.12,000/- under Swachhta Action Plan (SAP) which is also applicable for State of Rajasthan. As per data from Poshan Tracker of November 2024, in State of Rajasthan, 48446 AWCs have Drinking water facilities, 31616 AWCs have functional toilet and 47378 AWCs have availability of soap for sanitation.

Poshan Tracker application was rolled out on 1st March, 2021 as an important governance tool. It facilitates monitoring and tracking of all AWCs, AWWs and beneficiaries on defined indicators including monitoring of availability of drinking water, toilet facilities and availability of soap for hand washing in the Angawadi Centres.

Further, annual Jan Andolans viz. Poshan Maah and Poshan Pakhwada emphasize on inculcating Social & Behavioural Changes around better nutrition through various themes, including WaSH in convergence with relevant Ministries/ Departments.

These annual sensitization campaigns have been institutionalized with over 100 crore activities through 13 Jan Andolans (7 Poshan Maah and 6 Poshan Pakhwada) so far, including around 4 crore focused activities on WaSH and Diarrhoea Management.

(c) & (d) POSHAN Abhiyaan was launched on 8th March 2018. To support the Abhiyaan at varied levels, Swasth Bharat Prerak (SBP) Programme was initiated with external support by a development partner with an aim of providing managerial and administrative support to the district and state administration for the effective implementation of the Abhiyaan.

The main objective of the SBP programme was to provide an efficient resource at the district level (the Prerak) to work as a catalyst while supporting DM/ DC and key officials for effective and efficient implementation of the Abhiyaan.

In 2021, for the 15th finance commission term POSHAN Abhiyaan (PA), along with Anganwadi Services (AWS) and Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG) were subsumed under the Umbrella Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, and programmes like SBP were discontinued.

(e) Under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, in the 15<sup>th</sup> finance cycle an amount Rs.1061.07 lakhs have been released to the State of Rajasthan for providing drinking water facilities in 11665 AWCs.

Further, Phase-II of Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) is being implemented during the period from 2020-21 to 2024-25 with the aim to sustain Open Defecation Free (ODF) status and Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM). Central share allocated and utilised to Rajasthan under SBM(G) during last 3 years and current years are as under:-

<b>Year</b>	<b>Allocation (Rs in crore)</b>	<b>Utilisation (Rs in crore)</b>
2021-22	551.85	243.32
2022-23	624.90	316.25
2023-24	153.00	132.21
2024-25 (Upto 03.12.2024)	230.00	40.41

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