

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1916
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2024

ANGANWADI IN MAHARASHTRA

+1916. SHRI SHYAMKUMAR DAULAT BARVE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has established Saksham Anganwadi, Anganwadi-cum-Creche and Sakhi Niwas hostel for working women;
- (b) if so, the details thereof in the State of Maharashtra especially in rural districts of Nagpur;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure effective implementation of three major schemes - Mission Poshan 2.0, Mission Vatsalya and Mission Shakti along with funds spent under the said schemes in rural areas of Nagpur during the last five years;
- (d) the number of Anganwadi centres and children registered therein in Ramtek Lok Sabha constituency, tehsil/taluka-wise;
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government on issues including height and weight measurement of children upto the age of six years, especially in tribal areas; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure traditional nutritious food to anaemic, healthy mother and children as well as gender sensitive water management?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Details of Saksham Anganwadi, Anganwadi-cum-Creche and Sakhi Niwas established in the State of Maharashtra, including rural district of Nagpur, are as under:

S. No.		Number of approved/operational units
1.	Saksham Anganwadi	14745
2.	Anganwadi-cum-Creche	345
3.	Sakhi Niwas	73

(c) For better implementation and efficient monitoring, all schemes implemented by the Ministry to empower women and for development of children have been clubbed into three Umbrella Missions, viz. (1) Mission Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 for improving nutrition & health indicators in the country (2) Mission Shakti, for safety, protection and empowerment of women; and (3) Mission Vatsalya, for protection, care and welfare of children in difficult circumstances. Details of the schemes are as under:

(i) Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0): Under this programme, Anganwadi Services Scheme, POSHAN Abhiyaan and Scheme for Adolescent Girls have been reorganized into 3 primary sub-verticals: (i) Nutrition Support for POSHAN and for Adolescent Girls (ii) Early Childhood Care and Education [3-6 years] and (iii) Anganwadi Infrastructure including modern, upgraded Saksham Anganwadis.

(ii) Mission Shakti: Mission Shakti comprises of two sub-verticals, i.e., '**Sambal**' for safety and security of women and '**Samarthya**' for empowerment of women. The existing schemes of One Stop Centres (OSC), Women Helpline (181-WHL) and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) have been made part of Sambal sub-vertical; while the existing schemes of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), Ujjwala, Swadhar Greh (renamed as Shakti Sadan) and Working Women Hostel (renamed as Sakhi Niwas), National Hub for Empowerment of Women (NHEW) and National Creche Scheme (renamed as Palna) have been subsumed in the 'Samarthya' sub-vertical.

(iii) Mission Vatsalya: Mission Vatsalya has subsumed the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) for better outreach and protection for children in need and care in a mission mode with the objective to: (i) Support and sustain Children in difficult circumstances. (ii) Develop context-based solutions for holistic development of children from varied backgrounds. (iii) Provide scope for green field projects for encouraging innovative solutions. (iv) Cement convergent action by gap funding, if required.

Details of funds released under the aforesaid schemes to the State of Maharashtra, including Nagpur district, during the last five years are at **Annexure**.

(d) As per Poshan Tracker, a total of 3404 Anganwadi centres are operational and 8794 children up to 6 years of age are registered in the district of Nagpur under which the Ramtek Lok Sabha Constituency falls. Constituency wise data is not maintained under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0.

(e) & (f) As malnutrition requires a multi-sectoral approach involving dimensions of food, health, water, sanitation and education, it is crucial to effectively address the issue of malnutrition. It is addressed under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 by establishing cross cutting convergence amongst 18 Ministries/Departments. The following steps have been taken -

(i) A new strategy has been made for reduction in malnutrition and for improved health, wellness and immunity through multiple activities like community engagement, outreach, behavioral change, and advocacy. It focuses on Maternal Nutrition, Infant and Young Child Feeding Norms, treatment of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)/ Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) and wellness through AYUSH practices to reduce in children prevalence of wasting, stunting, anemia and being underweight.

(ii) Supplementary Nutrition is provided to Children (6 months to 6 years), Pregnant Women, Lactating Mothers and Adolescent Girls to beat the intergenerational cycle of malnutrition by adopting a life cycle approach. Supplementary nutrition is provided in accordance with the nutrition norms contained in Schedule-II of the National Food Security Act. These norms have been revised and upgraded last year. The old norms were largely calorie-specific; however, the revised norms are more comprehensive and balanced in terms of both quantity and quality of supplementary nutrition based on the principles of diet diversity that provides quality protein, healthy fats and micronutrients.

(iii) Fortified rice is being supplied to AWCs to meet the requirement of micro-nutrients and to control anemia among women and children. Greater emphasis is being laid on the use of millets for preparation of Hot Cooked Meal at least once a week and Take Home ration at Anganwadi centers.

(iv) Ministries of Women & Child Development and Health & Family Welfare have jointly released the protocol for Community Management of Malnutrition (CMAM) to prevent and treat severely acute malnutrition in children and for reducing associated morbidity and mortality.

(v) One of the major activities undertaken is Community Mobilization and Awareness Advocacy leading to a Jan Andolan to educate people on nutritional aspects. State and UTs are conducting and reporting regular sensitisation activities under community engagement programmes during Poshan Maahs and Poshan Pakhwadas celebrated

in the months of September and March-April respectively. Community Based Events (CBEs) have served as a significant strategy in changing nutritional practices and all Anganwadi workers are required to conduct two Community Based Events every month.

(vi) Regular monitoring of growth parameters is essential for identifying children who may be malnourished and for making timely interventions. Anganwadi centres have been equipped with Growth Monitoring devices like infant meter, stadiometer, weighing scale-infant, weighing scale – Mother & Child.

Annexure

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE LOK SABHA
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SHRI SHYAMKUMAR DAULAT BARVE REGARDING
'ANGANWADI IN MAHARASHTRA'**

Details of funds released under the schemes of the Ministry to State of Maharashtra during the last five years

(Rs. in crores)

S.No.	Mission	Scheme	Funds released				
			FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
1.	Mission Saksham Anganwadi & POSHAN 2.0	Anganwadi Services Scheme, POSHAN Abhiyaan and Scheme for Adolescent Girls	1669.40	1205.99	1713.39	1646.17	1699.52
2.	Mission Vatsalya (erstwhile Integrated Child Protection Scheme)		24.50	34.33	54.67	71.33	95.38
3.	Mission Shakti – Sambal	Beti Bachao Beti Padhao	2.94	2.56	1.23	0.00	0.00
		One Stop Centre	6.70	6.46	5.61	0.69	15.40
		Women Help Line	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4.	Mission Shakti – Samarthya	Shakti Sadan (erstwhile Swadhar Greh and Ujjawala)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.38
		Sakhi Niwas (erstwhile Working Women Hostel)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojna	294.14	113.11	99.5	240.83	0.00
		Palna	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.32
