

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3192
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2024

NATIONAL NUTRITION MISSION

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

- (a) the details of the comparative progress that has been made under the National Nutrition Mission in reducing malnutrition among children and women;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries covered under Poshan Abhiyaan in the last three years particularly in Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the details of the fund allocation/utilization for the said mission during the last five years, year-wise, State-wise including Bihar;
- (d) the details of the innovative approaches, if any, adopted and training imparted to improve nutrition outcomes under Poshan Abhiyaan; and
- (e) the details of the districts in Bihar selected for implementation of the scheme along with the steps being taken to popularize the said scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (e) Under the 15th Finance Commission, various components like Anganwadi services, Poshan Abhiyaan and Scheme for Adolescent girls (of 14-18 years in Aspirational Districts and North-Eastern region) have been subsumed under the umbrella Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0) to address the challenge of malnutrition.

It is a Centrally Sponsored mission, where the responsibility of implementation is with the States. It is being implemented in all States/UTs of the country including the State of Bihar.

The objectives of Mission are as follows:

- To contribute to development of human capital in the country;
- Address challenge of malnutrition;
- Promote nutrition awareness and good eating habits for sustainable health and wellbeing

Nutrition goes beyond mere eating of food; it requires proper digestion, absorption, and metabolism which are influenced by factors like sanitation, education and access to safe drinking water. As malnutrition requires a multi-sector approach involving dimensions of food, health, water, sanitation and education, it is crucial to effectively address the issue of malnutrition. The challenge of malnutrition is being addressed under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 by establishing cross cutting convergence amongst 18 Ministries/Departments.

Various rounds of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) conducted by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare since 1992-93 have shown improvement in malnutrition indicators in children across India. Details of these indicators for children since NFHS-1 to NFHS-5 are given below:

NFHS Survey	Stunting %	Underweight %	Wasting %
NFHS-1 (1992-93)*	52	53.4	17.5
NFHS-2 (1998-99)**	45.5	47	15.5
NFHS-3 (2005-6)***	48.0	42.5	19.8
NFHS-4 (2015-16)***	38.4	35.8	21.0
NFHS-5 (2019-21)***	35.5	32.1	19.3

* 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 the relevant time.

The projected population of all children up to 5 years in India for the year 2021 is 13.75 crores approximately (source: Population Projections for India and States 2011-2036, National Commission on Population, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare). However, only 7.54 crores children up to 5 years are enrolled in Anganwadis and registered on Poshan Tracker of the Ministry of Women & Child Development as per the October 2024 data. 7.31 crores of these children were measured on growth parameters of height and weight. 38.9% of these children have been found to be stunted, 17% children have been found to be underweight and 5.2% wasted.

Further, the projected population of all children in India up to 6 years for the year 2021 is approximately 16.1 crores (source: Population Projections for India and States 2011-2036, National Commission on Population, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare). As per the October 2024 data of Poshan Tracker, 8.82 crores children (0-6 years) are enrolled in Anganwadis out of whom 8.55 crores were measured on growth parameters of height and weight. 37% of these children (0-6 years) have been found to be stunted and 17% children (0-6 years) have been found to be underweight.

The analysis of the above NFHS data and the Poshan Tracker data shows improvement in malnutrition indicators in children across India.

Under this Mission, one of the major activities undertaken is Community Mobilization and Awareness Advocacy leading to a Jan Andolan to educate people on nutritional aspects. State/UTs including Bihar 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.

The Mission Poshan2.0 is a self-selecting bouquet of services available to all the eligible beneficiaries who enroll voluntarily at the Anganwadi Centers (AWCs).

National eGovernance Division (NeGD) regularly conducts field level trainings/workshops directly for Anganwadi Workers regarding use of the Poshan Tracker Application. Multiple rounds of trainings have been held both virtually and physically, in various districts across the country.

Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi (PBPB) launched by MWCD in 2023 is a path breaking Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) program to ensure that India has a high-quality pre-school network with well-trained Anganwadi workers which is in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. PBPB advocates for a play-based, joyful low-cost Teaching Learning Materials (TLMs), Do-It-Yourself (DIY) kit, activity-based learning pedagogy, targeted specifically at developmental milestones of 0-3-year old children as well as 3-6-year old children. It also advocates using simple teaching-learning material and indigenous toys which are locally sourced and culturally acceptable.

A Two-Tier Training Implementation Model is being followed throughout the country for Training of functionaries. Tier 1 involves two days training by National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) of State Level Master Trainers (SLMTs). Tier 2 involves a 3 Days Training of Anganwadi Workers (AWWs). Up to 2nd December 2024, 21722 SLMTs have been trained under PBPB programmes in 719 Districts of 35 states and 42,308 Anganwadi Workers have been trained in 182 Districts of 20 States. The Ministry has allocated funds to the tune of Rs. 476.06 Crores for FY 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 for training.

Self/Beneficiary Registration module has been introduced in Poshan Tracker where the Beneficiary can self register by selecting Anganwadi centre. The beneficiaries can also view the services available to him/her in the AWC.

Details of State-wise beneficiaries including those in Andhra Pradesh under Mission Poshan 2.0 in the last two years are provided at **Annexure – I**.

State wise details of funds released and utilized by all States including Bihar are provided at **Annexure – II**.

Annexure-I**ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA QUESTION NO. 3192 FOR 13.12.2024 REGARDING “NATIONAL NUTRITION MISSION” ASKED BY DR. D. PURANDESHWARI AND SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR**

Details of State-wise beneficiaries under Mission Poshan 2.0 in the last two years are as follows:

State	Oct-23	Oct-24
Andhra Pradesh	23,93,173	31,64,138
Arunachal Pradesh	96,007	1,02,582
Assam	34,52,946	34,36,718
Bihar	1,08,11,518	1,05,82,926
Chhattisgarh	28,03,880	26,42,697
Goa	67,619	57,194
Gujarat	38,29,853	35,37,211
Haryana	19,95,931	19,41,761
Himachal Pradesh	5,83,243	5,72,226
Jharkhand	36,91,447	33,59,175
Karnataka	38,47,945	43,63,784
Kerala	23,02,383	21,03,592
Madhya Pradesh	77,34,305	74,71,827
Maharashtra	74,20,828	66,75,390
Manipur	3,24,705	3,35,649
Meghalaya	4,94,260	4,13,696
Mizoram	1,45,084	1,34,852
Nagaland	1,43,301	1,32,786
Odisha	43,49,112	41,92,206
Punjab	13,95,990	16,50,192
Rajasthan	46,21,620	42,93,191
Sikkim	44,582	40,669
Tamil Nadu	40,72,944	41,21,385

Telangana	22,58,275	19,33,712
Tripura	3,80,651	3,53,875
Uttar Pradesh	2,23,47,863	2,24,37,647
Uttarakhand	8,61,640	8,37,925
West Bengal	88,27,032	86,26,799
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	12,517	11,835
Dadra & Nagar Haveli - Daman & Diu	33,216	38,211
Delhi	6,85,615	6,73,386
J&K	8,25,218	8,40,554
Ladakh	18,500	18,290
Lakshadweep	4,742	4,598
Puducherry	35,367	35,843
UT-Chandigarh	46,690	42,909

Annexure-II

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The State/UT wise details of funds provided under Mission Poshan 2.0 Scheme, year-wise, along with the utilization are as follows:

S. No	Name of the State	Amount in ₹ crores					
		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
		Funds released	Fund utilised	Funds released	Fund utilised	Funds released	Fund utilised
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	19.71	13.36	3.85	3.88	12.15	Utilization Certificate not yet due
2	Andhra Pradesh	744.60	749.91	827.79	721.45	705.68	
3	Arunachal Pradesh	170.83	230.77	137.78	145.74	162.06	
4	Assam	1319.90	1432.19	1651.63	1717.00	2233.31	
5	Bihar	1574.43	1608.02	1740.09	1586.61	1859.29	
6	Chandigarh	15.32	23.09	33.10	34.33	19.79	
7	Chhattisgarh	606.73	522.72	668.96	571.80	579.46	
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	9.33	9.56	5.80	5.80	11.97	
9	Delhi	133.11	125.52	182.77	142.84	161.81	
10	Goa	10.84	12.92	14.71	16.83	13.95	
11	Gujarat	839.86	757.92	912.64	552.30	1126.80	
12	Haryana	173.03	146.99	195.25	150.24	225.78	
13	Himachal Pradesh	247.99	386.68	270.24	247.76	301.09	

14	Jammu & Kashmir	405.74	704.57	479.01	416.23	530.88
15	Jharkhand	352.98	183.30	430.91	596.03	664.30
16	Karnataka	1003.70	984.62	765.87	885.65	912.96
17	Kerala	388.23	397.98	444.98	325.43	306.64
18	Ladakh	14.70	14.67	18.79	18.79	19.62
19	Lakshadweep	2.11	2.73	0.44	0.44	2.88
20	Madhya Pradesh	1085.47	1055.83	1011.57	1038.67	1123.11
21	Maharashtra	1713.39	1609.02	1646.17	1589.97	1699.52
22	Manipur	228.92	177.28	135.95	167.74	201.28
23	Meghalaya	173.33	177.86	192.39	200.24	269.69
24	Mizoram	59.32	61.57	42.81	53.02	100.27
25	Nagaland	159.80	160.21	199.30	190.47	262.91
26	Odisha	1065.98	871.20	923.92	884.96	968.80
27	Puducherry	2.78	6.13	0.12	6.68	4.48
28	Punjab	383.52	177.94	75.31	247.25	307.87
29	Rajasthan	682.65	771.64	974.02	936.17	1091.96
30	Sikkim	25.73	24.59	20.33	24.09	33.49
31	Tamil Nadu	655.38	681.28	766.81	741.30	880.79
32	Telangana	482.33	479.30	550.69	503.33	507.87
33	Tripura	186.72	171.66	150.52	186.55	244.22
34	Uttar Pradesh	2407.55	2341.91	2721.87	2622.64	2668.69
35	Uttarakhand	353.65	336.03	425.84	364.77	288.24
36	West Bengal	668.35	1378.31	1227.59	1455.89	1237.56
