

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 757
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2024

INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

757. SHRI C N ANNADURAI:

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

- (a) the manner in which Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) integrate with other health and nutrition schemes, such as the Mid-day Meal Scheme and the National Health Mission, to ensure holistic development of Children;
- (b) the details of the measures being taken to raise community awareness and encourage participation in ICDS, especially among marginalized and low-income communities;
- (c) the number of children who have been benefited from ICDS scheme during the last three years in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (d) the number of Non-Governmental Organizations involved in the implementation of the said programme, State-wise including Tamil Nadu; and
- (e) the quantum of funds released by the Union Government for the scheme during the last three years and the current year?

ANSWER

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

(a) In the 15th Finance Commission, components of nutritional support for children below the age of 6 years, pregnant women and lactating mothers and Adolescent Girls; Early Childhood Care and Education [3-6 years] and Anganwadi infrastructure including modern, upgraded Saksham Anganwadi have been reorganised under an umbrella Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0) for effective implementation of the scheme and for better nutritional delivery to end beneficiaries.

Under the Scheme the following six services are provided through the platform of Anganwadi Centres to the eligible beneficiaries:

- i. Supplementary Nutrition (SNP)

- ii. Pre-school Non-formal Education,
- iii. Nutrition & Health Education,
- iv. Immunization,
- v. Health Check-up, and
- vi. Referral Services

Three of the six services, viz., Immunization, Health check-up and Referral Services are related to health and are provided through NHM & Public Health Infrastructure.

Under National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, there is full convergence of ECCE with Department of School Education to make the child school ready.

(b) Under Mission Poshan 2.0, one of the major activities undertaken is Community Mobilization and Awareness Advocacy leading to 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.

(c) The number of children who have benefited from Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 during the last three years in the State of Tamil Nadu is as under:

S.No	Financial Year	Number of children (6 months- 6 years) under the scheme
1.	2021-22	29,44,855
2.	2022-23	31,20,329
3.	2023-24	32,77,415

(d) The information regarding Non-Governmental Organizations working across the country under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 is not maintained centrally

(e) Details of funds released by the Union Government for the scheme during the last three years and the current year are as under:

S.No	Financial Year	Funds released under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Rs in crores)
1.	2021-22	18368.01
2.	2022-23	19849.82
3.	2023-24	21741.17
4.	2024-25*	12027.62

* (as on 20.11.2024)
