GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5578 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2025

E-POS MACHINES AT ANGANWADI CENTRES

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to distribute nutrition/ration through e-POS machines to prevent irregularities and scams in the distribution of nutrition/ration at Anganwadi centres, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether nutrition/ration is being distributed through e-POS machines at Anganwadi Centres in any of the State across the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the status of nutrition/ration distribution through e-POS machines at Anganwadi centres in Uttar Pradesh?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) No such proposal is under consideration.

In order to ensure that all benefits under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 including supplementary nutrition should reach the intended beneficiaries, Government has taken steps to strengthen nutritional content, delivery outreach and outcomes with focus on developing practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity to disease and malnutrition.

In this regard, Streamlined guidelines were issued on 13.01.2021, covering several aspects such as quality assurance, roles and responsibilities of duty holders, procedure for procurement, integrating AYUSH concepts and Data management and monitoring through "Poshan Tracker" for transparency, efficiency and accountability in delivery of Supplementary Nutrition

A robust ICT enabled platform named Poshan tracker has been designed to capture near realtime data on implementation and monitoring of services provided in the Anganwadis across the country. The Poshan Tracker management application monitors the activities at the Anganwadi Centre (AWC), service deliveries of Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and facilitates complete beneficiary management.

(c) As reported by the Government of Uttar Pradesh, nutrition/ration is not being distributed through e-POS machines at their Anganwadi centres.
