

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 696
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2025

PM-POSHAN

696. SMT. SMITA UDAY WAGH:
SHRI BHOJRAJ NAG:
SHRI DAMODAR AGRAWAL:
SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:
SMT. VIJAYLAKSHMI DEVI:
SHRI YOGENDER CHANDOLIA:
SHRI BIBHU PRASAD TARAI:
SHRI ALOK SHARMA:
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:
SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:
SHRI MANISH JAISWAL:
SHRI NABA CHARAN MAJHI:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:
DR. RAJESH MISHRA:
SHRI SHIVMANGAL SINGH TOMAR:

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

- (a) the steps being taken by the Ministry to encourage Farmers Producer Organisations (FPOs) and Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to participate in various schemes under PM POSHAN particularly in Jalgaon in Maharashtra and Durg and Bemetara in Chhattisgarh; (b) whether the Ministry has any plan to expand the provision of meals to other early childhood education centers in addition to Balvatikas;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith their expected impact, State-wise and district-wise including the said areas;
- (d) the details of the measures being implemented to ensure the effective involvement of local stakeholders including FPOs and SHGs in delivering schemes benefits in rural areas of various States including the said areas;
- (e) whether the SHGs or other organisation have been invited/asked to participate under the said schemes, if so, the details of participating organization, State-wise including Sidhi parliamentary constituency in Madhya Pradesh and if not, whether the Government proposes to include these organisations in future; and
- (f) the details of budgetary provision under the said scheme alongwith allotment and utilisation of funds during the last three financial years including the current financial year?

ANSWER

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

(a): Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) Scheme is one of the foremost rights based Centrally Sponsored Schemes implemented by Department of School Education and Literacy in partnership with States and UTs. Farmers Producer Organisations (FPOs) are not included in the PM POSHAN scheme, however, various women's self-help groups are working to cook food at the school level as well as under the PM POSHAN Scheme including Jalgaon in Maharashtra and Dung & Bemetara in Chhatisgarh.

(b) & (c) : The Government has approved the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN)' for providing one hot cooked meal in Government and Government – aided Schools from 2021-22 to 2025-26. The Government has approved provision of hot cooked meal to children of pre-schools or Balvatika (before class I) in primary schools also, in addition to the children of classes I to VIII across the country. About 11.20 crore children studying in Balvatika (just before class I) and classes I to VIII of Government and Government-aided schools are benefitting under the Scheme during current financial year 2024-25.

(d) to (f) : The overall responsibility for smooth functioning of the scheme including providing hot cooked and nutritious meal to the eligible children lies with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The Government of India has issued detailed guidelines on quality, safety and hygiene to ensure serving of good quality meal and participation of Self Help Groups (SHGs) under the Scheme to all the States/UTs including Sidhi parliament Constituency in Madhya Pradesh. These guidelines are available on official website <https://pmposhan.education.gov.in>. The budgetary provision under PM POSHAN Scheme for the last three years including current financial Year is as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Budget Allocation	Released	Utilisation
2020-21	11000.00	12874.01	12767.10
2021-22	11500.00	10226.75	12609.43
2022-23	10233.75	12675.02	12162.89
2023-24	11600.00	8451.22	9380.20
