

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *85
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2025

CAPACITY BUILDING IN ANGANWADI CENTRES

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

- (a) the key steps taken by the Government to promote quality standards, health awareness, and nutritional outcomes among women and children through Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) and Self-Help Groups, State-wise;
- (b) the extent of implementation of such initiatives, along with measurable indicators of community impact and outreach, State-wise;
- (c) whether any training/skilling/capacity-building programmes have been conducted for Anganwadi workers and frontline staff under the schemes of Government, if so, the number of officials and field workers trained or upskilled during the last three years, district and State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has assessed the outcomes or effectiveness of such programmes in improving service delivery, nutrition and early childhood care, particularly in aspirational districts or semi-urban regions like Jalgaon, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the number of AWCs across the country and budget allocated to each centre, district and State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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- (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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(a) to (d) Poshan Abhiyaan was launched in March 2018 to effectively address the issue of malnutrition in a convergent and holistic manner. 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 scheme, where the responsibility for implementation of various activities lies with the States and UTs. This mission is a universal self-selecting umbrella scheme that is being implemented across all the States and UTs including in the State of Rajasthan.

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-sectoral approach involving dimensions of food, health, water, sanitation and education, it is crucial to effectively address the issue of malnutrition. It is being addressed under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 by establishing cross cutting convergence amongst 18 Ministries/Departments.

Under Mission Poshan 2.0 a new strategy has been made for reduction in malnutrition and for improved health, wellness and immunity through 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 prevalence of wasting, stunting, anaemia and being underweight.

Under this mission, 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 in January, 2023. 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 for quality protein, healthy fats and micronutrients.

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

M/o Women & Child Development and M/o 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.

Under this Mission, one of the major activities undertaken is Community Mobilization and Awareness Advocacy to educate people on nutritional aspects as adoption of good nutrition habit requires sustained efforts for behavioural change. State and UTs are conducting and reporting regular sensitisation activities under Jan Andolan 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.

So far, 4.17 crore CBEs have been conducted in Mission Poshan 2.0 from April 2022 to June 2025. State-wise details of these CBEs as per June 2025 data of poshan tracker is placed at **Annexure I**.

So far 14 Jan Andolans have been conducted since 2018 (7 each of Poshan Maah and Poshan Pakhwada), and 140 crore outreach activities were reported by States/ UTs (state-wise details of Jan Andolans since 2018 are at **Annexure II**).

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 7.36 crores children up to 5 years were enrolled in Anganwadis and registered on Poshan Tracker of the Ministry of Women & Child Development as per the June, 2025 data. 7 crores of these children were measured on growth parameters of height and weight. 37.07% of them have been found to be stunted, 15.93% have been found to be underweight and 5.46% wasted.

Further, the projected population of all children in India up to 6 years for the year 2021 is approximately 16.1 crores. As per the June, 2025 data of Poshan Tracker, 8.61 crores

children (0-6 years) were enrolled in Anganwadis out of whom 8.19 crores were measured on growth parameters of height and weight. 35.91% of these children (0-6 years) have been found to be stunted and 16.50% 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.

Government has launched Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi (PBPB) initiative on 10th May, 2023 for upskilling of all anganwadi workers to build their capacity to provide early childhood care and education (ECCE) and nutrition service to children below six years of age.

Under PBPB, Anganwadi Workers are undergoing specialized training through the Savitribai Phule National Institute of Women and Child Development (SPNIWCD). This training is aligned with Navchetana – the National Framework for Early Childhood Stimulation for children from birth to three years – and Aadharshila – the National Curriculum for ECCE for children aged three to six years, launched by the Ministry in 2024. Special emphasis is placed on supporting children with disabilities (Divyang children), ensuring inclusive learning practices. The training follows a Two-Tier Model wherein State-Level Master Trainers (SLMTs) undergo a two-day intensive training (Tier 1), who in turn train Anganwadi Workers through a three-day, interactive, hands-on module (Tier 2).

As on 22nd July 2025, a total of 41,360 State Level Master Trainers (CDPOs, Supervisors and Additional Resource Persons) and 5,62,222 Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) have been trained under the Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi (PBPB) initiative.

The State/UT and district-wise details of SLMTs and AWWs trained are enclosed at **Annexure-III**.

Regular field level trainings/workshops are conducted directly for Anganwadi Workers regarding use of the Poshan Tracker Application. Poshan Tracker also features self-learning videos for AWWs, enabling continuous capacity building and on-the-job learning through digital modules. State and Block Coordinators provide on-ground handholding support to AWWs for effective usage and implementation of the Poshan Tracker.

(e) The number of AWCs sanctioned across the country is placed at **Annexure IV** and State/UT wise fund details under Mission Poshan 2.0 for FY 2024-25 is placed at **Annexure V**.

Annexure I

Statement referred to in reply to Part (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 85 to be answered on 25.07.2025 regarding “Capacity Building in Anganwadi Centres”

State-wise Community Based Events (CBE) reported under Mission Poshan 2.0 through Poshan Tracker from April 2022 to June 2025

SL	State	State-wise CBEs as reported under Mission Poshan 2.0 (from April 2022 to June 2025)
1	Andhra Pradesh	2,099,133
2	Arunachal Pradesh	22,220
3	Assam	961,334
4	Bihar	4,462,915
5	Chhattisgarh	1,397,309
6	Goa	45,846
7	Gujarat	2,630,855
8	Haryana	818,889
9	Himachal Pradesh	781,634
10	Jharkhand	989,899
11	Karnataka	1,231,089
12	Kerala	1,192,478
13	Madhya Pradesh	2,957,971
14	Maharashtra	3,627,741
15	Manipur	258,501
16	Meghalaya	133,498
17	Mizoram	62,886
18	Nagaland	30,440
19	Odisha	2,579,991
20	Punjab	687,571
21	Rajasthan	1,733,603
22	Sikkim	58,681
23	Tamil Nadu	2,435,041
24	Telangana	1,356,874
25	Tripura	17,173
26	Uttar Pradesh	4,204,883
27	Uttarakhand	454,874
28	West Bengal	2,917,514
29	A&N Islands	25,661
30	DNH&DD	12,448
31	Delhi	462,110
32	J&K	1,033,704
33	Ladakh	15,117
34	Lakshadweep	444
35	Puducherry	26,408
36	UT-Chandigarh	22,465
	TOTAL	41,749,200

Annexure II**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (D) OF LOK SABHA
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“CAPACITY BUILDING IN ANGANWADI CENTRES”****Jan Andolans reported State-wise since 2018 through Jan Andolan Dashboard**

SL	State/UT	Total
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	8,934
2	Andhra Pradesh	38,188,331
3	Arunachal Pradesh	82,435
4	Assam	3,048,848
5	Bihar	221,029,182
6	Chandigarh	781,335
7	Chhattisgarh	31,076,412
9	Dnh & Dd	20,227
8	Delhi	767,697
10	Goa	101,521
11	Gujarat	226,976,320
12	Haryana	10,868,384
13	Himachal Pradesh	2,453,542
14	Jammu & Kashmir	6,392,049
15	Jharkhand	15,857,036
16	Karnataka	7,159,121
17	Kerala	6,791,792
18	Ladakh	1,761
19	Lakshadweep	833
20	Madhya Pradesh	130,692,848
21	Maharashtra	383,785,295
22	Manipur	1,398,405
23	Meghalaya	140,654
24	Mizoram	61,995
25	Nagaland	319,721
26	Odisha	22,006,531
27	Puducherry	52,927
28	Punjab	24,624,993
29	Rajasthan	28,422,472
30	Sikkim	113,199
31	Tamil Nadu	159,676,713
32	Telangana	17,585,002
33	Tripura	60,215
34	Uttar Pradesh	109,068,759
35	Uttarakhand	1,324,701
36	West Bengal	1,882,201
		1,452,822,391

Annexure III

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State-wise details of Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi (PBPB) trainings

	SLMTs		AWWs	
	Target	Completed	Target	Completed
India	43,488	41,360	13,15,162	5,62,222
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	45	49	720	732
Andhra Pradesh	2059	2050	54,908	53321
Arunachal Pradesh	465	648	6225	1375
Assam	2353	2794	60,964	22238
Bihar	3366	2178	1,12,094	90263
Chandigarh	24	33	434	548
Chhattisgarh	2126	2009	51,245	11072
Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	24	50	405	240
Delhi	434	581	10498	10412
Goa	65	64	1224	1148
Gujarat	2044	2127	49,884	4122
Haryana	804	808	23,902	8044
Himachal Pradesh	746	744	18,663	0
Jammu and Kashmir	1265	1244	27,543	24932
Jharkhand	862	980	37,944	11760
Karnataka	2247	2149	64,118	426
Kerala	1348	1656	33,115	15198
Ladakh	46	73	1143	1153
Lakshadweep	4	8	59	0
Madhya Pradesh	3567	2996	95,953	91458
Maharashtra	2892	2475	1,05,023	36120
Manipur	489	636	11,466	4576
Meghalaya	306	288	5896	1958
Mizoram	161	202	2244	2357
Nagaland	293	398	3980	3727
Odisha	3266	2742	73,314	8722
Puducherry	19	47	595	616
Punjab	847	1184	27,075	7922

Rajasthan	1622	1644	60,874	57948
Sikkim	95	81	1308	387
Tamil Nadu	2062	1828	43,602	300
Telangana	1540	1531	33,789	0
Tripura	308	282	10,131	3192
Uttar Pradesh	3585	2132	1,59,938	46430
Uttarakhand	652	634	19,311	4882
West Bengal	1457	2015	1,05,575	34643
Total	43,488	41,360	13,15,162	5,62,222

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State/UT wise number of Sanctioned AWCs

S. No	State/UTs	Total AWCs sanctioned as per MWCD*
1	Andhra Pradesh	55969
2	Arunachal Pradesh	6225
3	Assam	62142
4	Bihar	115097
5	Chhattisgarh	52642
6	Goa	1262
7	Gujarat	53065
8	Haryana	25962
9	Himachal Pradesh	18925
10	Jharkhand	38957
11	Karnataka	66098
12	Kerala	33120
13	Madhya Pradesh	97882
14	Maharashtra	110664
15	Manipur	11585
16	Meghalaya	6188
17	Mizoram	2285
18	Nagaland	3980
19	Odisha	74223
20	Punjab	27314
21	Rajasthan	62196
22	Sikkim	1308
23	Tamil Nadu	54481
24	Telangana	35781
25	Tripura	10474
26	Uttar Pradesh	190146
27	Uttarakhand	20070
28	West Bengal	119481
29	A & N Islands	720
30	Chandigarh	450

31	Dadra & N Haveli and Daman & Diu	405
32	Delhi	10897
33	Jammu & Kashmir	28426
34	Ladakh	1173
35	Lakshadweep	59
36	Puducherry	855
Total		1400507

Annexure V

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State/UT-wise fund details of Mission Poshan 2.0

(Rupees in crores)												
S. No	Name of the State/UT	Mission Poshan 2.0										
		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25
		Funds released	Funds Utilized	Funds released	Fund utilized	Funds released	Fund utilized	Funds released	Fund utilized	Funds released	Fund utilized	Funds released
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	14.98	13.34	16.37	6.37	19.71	13.36	3.85	5.17	12.15	11.06	9.63
2	Andhra Pradesh	825.24	686.20	701.82	763.99	744.60	749.91	827.79	721.45	705.68	734.52	645.73
3	Arunachal Pradesh	134.71	134.79	82.92	65.01	170.83	230.77	137.78	145.74	162.06	139.34	102.61
4	Assam	1365.53	1241.33	1109.75	1255.72	1319.90	1432.19	1651.63	1717.00	2233.31	2804.16	2482.34
5	Bihar	1539.37	1253.87	1288.98	1444.36	1574.43	1608.02	1740.09	1586.61	1859.29	1703.55	2262.92
6	Chandigarh	17.03	13.30	13.35	16.08	15.32	23.09	33.10	33.10	19.79	19.26	14.56
7	Chhattisgarh	483.88	548.81	513.95	542.07	606.73	522.72	668.96	571.80	579.46	664.31	733.3
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	17.20	8.24	9.02	9.02	9.33	9.56	5.80	5.80	11.97	11.57	9.13
9	Delhi	133.06	140.49	102.70	139.84	133.11	125.52	182.77	142.84	161.81	135.31	160.41
10	Goa	16.02	17.02	20.44	17.46	10.84	12.92	14.71	16.83	13.95	12.22	13.44
11	Gujarat	854.00	725.25	633.13	873.79	839.86	757.92	912.64	552.30	1126.80	658.81	601.32
12	Haryana	181.00	149.87	185.29	232.54	173.03	146.99	195.25	150.24	225.78	183.94	232.69
13	Himachal Pradesh	251.82	295.25	258.55	295.89	247.99	386.68	270.24	247.76	301.09	146.69	313.07
14	Jammu & Kashmir	332.85	328.31	294.17	450.82	405.74	704.57	479.01	416.23	530.88	595.21	662.79
15	Jharkhand	436.10	455.87	464.33	348.68	352.98	183.30	430.91	596.03	664.30	560.25	496.95
16	Karnataka	861.87	916.51	697.17	1012.84	1003.70	984.62	765.87	885.65	912.96	729.26	886.85
17	Kerala	321.42	331.23	352.03	384.79	388.23	397.98	444.98	325.43	306.64	359.22	435.74
18	Ladakh	0.00	0.00	24.18	24.69	14.70	14.67	18.79	18.79	19.62	18.06	18.89
19	Lakshadweep	2.59	1.27	3.06	2.06	2.11	2.73	0.44	0.44	2.88	2.73	1.35
20	Madhya Pradesh	1225.60	1276.10	1238.06	1125.20	1085.47	1055.83	1011.57	1038.67	1123.11	1048.42	1144.54
21	Maharashtra	1669.40	1416.45	1205.99	1517.51	1713.39	1609.02	1646.17	1589.97	1699.52	1219.66	1368.84
22	Manipur	162.54	142.27	175.77	148.45	228.92	177.28	135.95	167.74	201.28	224.68	342.87
23	Meghalaya	225.66	181.19	177.92	185.25	173.33	177.86	192.39	200.24	269.69	193.3	137.93
24	Mizoram	63.26	56.45	74.60	64.67	59.32	61.57	42.81	46.65	100.27	72.19	55.29
25	Nagaland	178.92	169.55	167.23	169.19	159.80	160.21	199.30	190.47	262.91	209.24	147.01
26	Odisha	860.66	892.46	858.68	896.85	1065.98	871.20	923.92	884.92	968.80	891.06	948.16
27	Puducherry	9.86	8.45	4.38	3.50	2.78	6.13	0.12	6.68	4.48	8.35	3.68
28	Punjab	201.44	175.11	174.71	207.82	383.52	177.94	75.31	247.25	307.87	220.55	265.48
29	Rajasthan	673.95	665.42	641.77	702.90	682.65	771.64	974.02	936.17	1091.96	880.87	741.85

30	Sikkim	29.47	33.70	24.50	26.06	25.73	24.59	20.33	24.09	33.49	23.77	18.07
31	TamilNadu	764.73	652.94	619.43	695.85	655.38	681.28	766.81	741.30	880.79	662.4	638.47
32	Telangana	529.96	420.08	405.32	564.04	482.33	479.30	550.69	503.33	507.87	522.99	430.76
33	Tripura	166.47	164.05	154.16	177.85	186.72	171.66	150.52	186.55	244.22	211.2	153.41
34	Uttar Pradesh	2544.00	2480.79	2017.49	1925.75	2407.55	2341.91	2721.87	2622.64	2668.69	2510.27	2694.62
35	Uttarakhand	373.96	378.21	327.92	350.07	353.65	336.03	425.84	364.77	288.24	426.34	216.33
36	West Bengal	1165.26	1321.90	1066.64	897.89	668.35	1378.31	1227.59	1455.89	1237.56	1522.4	1513.8
Total		18633.81	17696.07	16105.78	17544.87	18368.01	18789.28	19849.82	19346.54	21741.17	20337.16	20904.83
