

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO-8**  
ANSWERED ON - 21/07/2025

**PM Poshan Yojana**

†\*8. **Dr. Rajesh Mishra:**  
**Shri Kali Charan Singh:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of children studying in various/different schools under the PM Poshan Yojana in the country, State/UT-wise including Punjab and Uttar Pradesh particularly Phulpur Lok Sabha Constituency;
- (b) the details and number of Cook-cum-Helpers engaged to provide food to children in these schools, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the number of Kitchen-cum-Stores constructed to store and protect foodgrains in order to provide safe and hygienic food to children in the country, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh and particularly in Sidhi Parliamentary Constituency of Madhya Pradesh;
- (d) whether any special provisions have been made under the scheme for the North-Eastern States of the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**  
**MINISTER OF EDUCATION**  
**(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

**Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 8 for 21.07.2025 raised by Dr. Rajesh Mishra and Shri Kali Charan Singh, Hon'ble MPs regarding PM Poshan Yojana.**

(a) & (b): Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) Scheme is one of the foremost rights based Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented in partnership with the States and UTs for providing one hot cooked and nutritious meal to all children studying in Bal Vatika (just before class-I) and classes I to VIII of Government and Government-aided schools. The Scheme covers about 11 crore children in more than 10.35 lakh schools in all 36 States/UTs. The Budget Estimates of the Scheme are about Rs. 12,500 crore and 100% foodgrains to the tune of 26 lakh MTs at an approximate cost of Rs. 9,000 crore have been supplied by the Government of India through Food Corporation of India (FCI). The overall responsibility for providing hot cooked and nutritious meal to the eligible children lies with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The State/UT-wise details of children enrolled under PM POSHAN Scheme including Punjab and Uttar Pradesh are at **Annexure-I**. State Government of Uttar Pradesh has reported that a total of 1,26,202 children are covered in 1189 schools under PM POSHAN Scheme in the Phulpur Lok Sabha Constituency.

The State/UT-wise number of Cook-cum-Helpers (CCHs) engaged under PM POSHAN Scheme is given at **Annexure-II**. More than 24 lakh CCHs are engaged under the Scheme of whom over 90% are women.

There is a provision of 5% of total recurring budget as the flexi component to be used by the States/UTs as per their requirement. It may be used for setting up of School Nutrition Gardens and provision of Supplementary Nutrition interventions viz., Chikki, Eggs, Milk, Fruits and additional food items etc. in identified districts. The States and Union Territory Administrations are encouraged to decide menu suitable to the local conditions within the prescribed nutrition and food norms and to procure locally grown food items like millets, vegetables, condiments etc.

During the celebration of Shiksha Saptah more than 2 crore meals were provided under Tithi Bhojan. Overall about 6.43 crore students studying in 5.77 lakh schools were benefitted under Tithi Bhojan across the country. The School Nutrition Gardens (SNGs) have been set up in more than 6.28 lakh schools under the Scheme.

(c) to (e): The State/UT-wise details of Kitchen-cum-Stores constructed to store and protect foodgrains in order to provide safe and hygienic food to children in the country, including Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh is given at **Annexure-III**. Under the Scheme 9.11 lakh (97%) Kitchen-cum-Stores (KCS) have been constructed against the sanctioned of 9.41 lakh KCS all over India. The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has reported that Sidhi Parliamentary Constituency has 3,914 schools and all the schools have Kitchen-cum-Stores.

PM POSHAN Scheme is implemented in partnership with the States and Union Territory Administrations. The Central Government provides 100% assistance for cost of foodgrains, transportation cost and cost of Management Monitoring & Evolution (MME). The existing cost sharing ratio between the Centre and States & UTs with Legislature is 60:40, for North-Eastern Regions (NER)/Himalayan States including J&K is 90:10 and in Union Territories without legislature is 100% for the components of Material cost, Honorarium to cook-cum-helpers (CCH), construction and repairing of Kitchen-cum-Store and procurement of Kitchen devices. For NER States and 4 Himalayan States & UTs transportation of food grains from FCI godown

to school door steps is as per actual PDS rate reported by the States/UTs. For remaining States and UTs, it is as per PDS rate or Rs. 1500 per MT, whichever is less.

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**Annexure-I**

**Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 8 for 21.07.2025 raised by Dr. Rajesh Mishra and Shri Kali Charan Singh, Hon'ble MPs regarding PM Poshan Yojana.**

**Number of children enrolled under PM POSHAN Scheme**

SN	State/UT	Number of Students enrolled			
		Bal Vatika	Primary	Up. Primary	Total
1	A & N Islands	5136	13279	10811	29226
2	Andhra Pradesh	0	1520162	1072578	2592740
3	Arunachal Pradesh	12817	76866	52116	141799
4	Assam	225180	2424677	1269192	3919049
5	Bihar	0	11403140	5905157	17308297
6	Chandigarh	14918	44270	40684	99872
7	Chhattisgarh	54376	1698427	1101784	2854587
8	Delhi	110242	795229	750600	1656071
9	DNH & DD	7678	40647	27143	75468
10	Goa	2571	92501	66571	161643
11	Gujarat	529306	2746239	1880218	5155763
12	Haryana	80862	828533	638714	1548109
13	Himachal Pradesh	71713	247577	194194	513484
14	Jammu & Kashmir	182596	490147	279365	952108
15	Jharkhand	42515	2643989	1417241	4103745
16	Karnataka	0	2538958	1594454	4133412
17	Kerala	144048	1535147	1106725	2785920
18	Ladakh	4404	8836	4324	17564
19	Lakshadweep	1284	5089	2588	8961
20	Madhya Pradesh	13563	3632241	2378417	6024221
21	Maharashtra	0	5844748	3806852	9651600
22	Manipur	25828	125456	37762	189046
23	Meghalaya	138157	388309	183203	709669
24	Mizoram	24965	75162	38860	138987
25	Nagaland	41394	56964	30613	128971
26	Odisha	0	2508205	1744933	4253138
27	Puducherry	7235	24908	19163	51306
28	Punjab	161969	1065257	682832	1910058
29	Rajasthan	46009	3361174	2294665	5701848
30	Sikkim	6164	21002	17440	44606
31	Tamil Nadu	0	2088361	1859468	3947829
32	Telangana	0	977864	597345	1575209
33	Tripura	11649	216231	141940	369820
34	Uttar Pradesh	0	9607384	5621120	15228504
35	Uttarakhand	0	362732	257034	619766
36	West Bengal	955581	6306899	4081666	11344146
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2922160</b>	<b>65816610</b>	<b>41207772</b>	<b>109946542</b>

**Annexure-II**

**Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 8 for 21.07.2025 raised by Dr. Rajesh Mishra and Shri Kali Charan Singh, Hon'ble MPs regarding PM Poshan Yojana.**

**Number of Cook-cum-Helpers engaged under PM POSHAN**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Number of Cook-cum-Helpers</b>
1	A & N Islands	721
2	Andhra Pradesh	80890
3	Arunachal Pradesh	5753
4	Assam	108280
5	Bihar	232458
6	Chandigarh	900
7	Chhattisgarh	87646
8	Delhi	20890
9	DNH & DD	1157
10	Goa	2633
11	Gujarat	96103
12	Haryana	29809
13	Himachal Pradesh	21054
14	Jammu & Kashmir	30101
15	Jharkhand	75421
16	Karnataka	118950
17	Kerala	13453
18	Ladakh	924
19	Lakshadweep	20
20	Madhya Pradesh	201404
21	Maharashtra	164558
22	Manipur	6452
23	Meghalaya	19549
24	Mizoram	4963
25	Nagaland	4623
26	Odisha	108806
27	Puducherry	1031
28	Punjab	44407
29	Rajasthan	115726
30	Sikkim	1891
31	Tamil Nadu	128130
32	Telangana	54201
33	Tripura	11184
34	Uttar Pradesh	363202
35	Uttarakhand	23883
36	West Bengal	226676
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2407849</b>

### Annexure-III

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#### **Number of Kitchen-cum-Stores constructed under PM POSHAN Scheme**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Sanctioned</b>	<b>Constructed</b>	<b>% Constructed</b>
1	A & N Islands	169	169	100%
2	Andhra Pradesh	32347	31525	97%
3	Arunachal Pradesh	4085	4085	100%
4	Assam	56795	51271	90%
5	Bihar	58847	58847	100%
6	Chandigarh	15	15	100%
7	Chhattisgarh	47266	47266	100%
8	Delhi	All are Centralised kitchens		
9	DNH DD	82	82	100%
10	Goa	All are Centralised kitchens		
11	Gujarat	25077	25077	100%
12	Himachal Pradesh	14959	14959	100%
13	Haryana	11483	11040	96%
14	J & K	6791	6791	100%
15	Jharkhand	32070	33776	105%
16	Karnataka	40477	40473	100%
17	Kerala	5481	5481	100%
18	Ladakh	327	327	100%
19	Lakshadweep	Constructed through own resources		
20	Madhya Pradesh	103401	98742	95%
21	Maharashtra	69803	62276	89%
22	Manipur	2966	2739	92%
23	Meghalaya	9758	9758	100%
24	Mizoram	2541	2541	100%
25	Nagaland	2223	2223	100%
26	Odisha	69152	69152	100%
27	Puducherry	105	105	100%
28	Punjab	19052	18969	100%
29	Rajasthan	50312	50312	100%
30	Sikkim	948	948	100%
31	Tamil Nadu	28470	28470	100%
32	Telangana	30408	17761	58%
33	Tripura	5304	5304	100%
34	Uttar Pradesh	113091	113091	100%
35	Uttarakhand	15778	15778	100%
36	West Bengal	81956	81948	100%
<b>Total</b>		<b>941539</b>	<b>911301</b>	<b>97%</b>