

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2088**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2025

**SMART POSHAN ANGANWADI CERTIFICATION**

2088. SHRI CHINTAMANI MAHARAJ:  
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SMT. KAMALJEET SEHRAWAT:  
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SHRI BHOJRAJ NAG:  
SMT. SMITA UDAY WAGH:  
MS. BANSURI SWARAJ:  
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MS KANGNA RANAUT:  
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SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:  
SHRI CHAVDA VINOD LAKHAMSHI:  
SHRI RAJKUMAR CHAHAR:

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

- (a) whether the 'Smart Poshan Anganwadi Certification' has been implemented in the country, if so, the details and status thereof indicating the number of Anganwadi centres certified, State-wise, UT-wise and district-wise;
- (b) whether feedback from Anganwadi and ASHA workers has been received regarding the effectiveness of the awareness sessions conducted during Poshan Pakhwada;
- (c) if so, the details of key findings from these evaluations along with the measures being taken to enhance the effectiveness of the programme especially State-wise and district-wise;

- (d) whether Anganwadi workers have been trained for Smart Poshan Anganwadi and if so, the details thereof; State-wise including Dahod in Gujarat; and
- (e) whether any new scheme has been proposed for Anganwadi in Dahod, if so, the details thereof?

## **ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e): Under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, as on date, 2 lakh Anganwadi Centres have been approved to be upgraded as Saksham Anganwadis for improved nutrition delivery and for imparting early childhood care and education. Saksham Anganwadis are provided with better infrastructure than the conventional Anganwadi Centres which includes internet/Wi-Fi connectivity, LED screens, water purifier/installation of RO Machine and smart learning equipments.

State wise list of number of Anganwadi Centres that have been approved to be upgraded as Saksham Anganwadis is placed at **Annexure-I**.

The Government has also taken a policy decision to upgrade all Mini AWCs to a full-fledged Anganwadi Centres with one worker and one helper each to help in carrying out various responsibilities under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 including responsibilities related to Early Childhood Care & Education. Sanction for upgradation of 1, 11,363 Mini-AWCs to main AWCs has been issued as on 08.07.2025.

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. Community-Based Events (CBEs) have served as a significant strategy in changing nutritional practices, and all Anganwadi workers are required to conduct two CBEs every month. Under Jan Andolan, Poshan Pakhwada and Rashtriya Poshan Maah are celebrated annually in March-April and September respectively, since 2018. So far, a total of 7 Poshan Maah and 7 Poshan Pakhwada have been conducted. The States/ UTs have reported more than 140 crore outreach activities around various thematic areas including importance of maternal nutrition, appropriate techniques of breastfeeding, importance of timely initiation of complimentary feeding, first 1000 days of life, poshan ke panch sutra, anemia, tribal sensitisation, millet promotion, environment protection, ECCE etc., in coordination with more than 18 partner ministries/ departments. In 2021, the World Bank surveyed 11 states to assess the program's delivery of nutrition services. The findings demonstrated that the services delivered through the Poshan Abhiyaan – the receipt of relevant messages, home visits by the anganwadi worker, and attendance at community-based events – were associated and co-related with improved nutrition behaviours. The survey also found that the program's

nutrition messages reached more than 80% of women, and that 81% of women practised exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months.

Under the Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi (PBPB) initiative, the Ministry is imparting training to all the officials and field functionaries in the States/ UTs through a cascading model of training, wherein Master Trainers (namely, District Officers, Block Coordinators and Supervisors) are trained and these master trainers further train all Anganwadi Workers in the field. As on 28 July 2025, 5, 71,667 AWWs have been trained across the country. In the State of Gujarat, 4122 AWWs have been trained for modules under Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi initiative.

Details of State and UT wise number of Anganwadi Workers trained under PBPB are placed at **Annexure-II**.

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**Annexure-I****ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA QUESTION NO. 2088 FOR 01.08.2025 REGARDING “SMART POSHAN ANGANWADI CERTIFICATION”**

State wise list of number of Anganwadi Centres that have been approved to be upgraded as Saksham Anganwadis is as follows:

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Total No. of AWCs approved for upgradation as on date</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	9958
2	Bihar	11529
3	Chhattisgarh	11490
4	Gujarat	13147
5	Haryana	2804
6	Himachal Pradesh	1030
7	Jammu & Kashmir	338
8	Jharkhand	16775
9	Karnataka	17732
10	Kerala	4152
11	Madhya Pradesh	24662
12	Maharashtra	14745
13	Odisha	12140
14	Punjab	353
15	Rajasthan	3514
16	Tamil Nadu	11972
17	Telangana	5008
18	Uttar Pradesh	23697
19	Uttarakhand	827
20	West Bengal	5359
21	Arunachal Pradesh	152
22	Assam	5407
23	Manipur	30
24	Meghalaya	121
25	Mizoram	1600
26	Nagaland	149
27	Sikkim	435
28	Tripura	474
29	Andaman & Nicobar	140
30	Goa	24
31	Puducherry	135
32	Chandigarh	69

33	Ladakh	14
34	Delhi	0
35	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	0
36	Lakshadweep	18
	<b>Total</b>	<b>200000</b>

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Details of State/UT-wise number of Anganwadi Workers trained under PBPB as on 28 July 2025 are as follows:

<b>Name of the States/UTs</b>	<b>Number of AWWs trained</b>
India	5,71,667
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	733
Andhra Pradesh	53328
Arunachal Pradesh	1377
Assam	23180
Bihar	90264
Chandigarh	548
Chhattisgarh	11071
Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	240
Delhi	10412
Goa	1148
Gujarat	4122
Haryana	8044
Himachal Pradesh	0
Jammu and Kashmir	24931
Jharkhand	11760
Karnataka	426
Kerala	15198
Ladakh	1153
Lakshadweep	0
Madhya Pradesh	91458
Maharashtra	36132
Manipur	4576
Meghalaya	2122
Mizoram	2357
Nagaland	3729
Odisha	8722
Puducherry	616
Punjab	7922
Rajasthan	57948

Sikkim	387
Tamil Nadu	445
Telangana	0
Tripura	3192
Uttar Pradesh	46432
Uttarakhand	5171
West Bengal	42522
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,71,667</b>

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