

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 987**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.12.2025

**SAKSHAM ANGANWADI AND POSHAN 2.0**

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SHRI DEVESH SHAKYA:

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

- (a) the key objectives of the “Saksham Anganwadi and poshan 2.0” scheme and status of its State-wise implementation as on November 2025, along with details of the present progress made in Etah, Kasganj, Aonla, Budaun, Shahjhanpur, Mainpuri, Kannauj, Etawah and Auraiya districts of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the details of beneficiaries covered under the Saksham Anganwadi and poshan 2.0 initiative, so far, State- wise and district-wise for Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) the details of implementation of said scheme till date in Uttar Pradesh;
- (d) whether any special provisions have been made or additional resources have been provided for the effective implementation of the said scheme in the said districts of Uttar Pradesh; and
- (e) the details of funds allocated and released and utilized so far under the said scheme in Uttar Pradesh?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) Under the 15th Finance Commission, Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0) is being implemented to address the challenge

of malnutrition. This mission is a universal self-selecting umbrella scheme where there are no entry barriers for any beneficiary to register and receive services.

The objectives of Mission are as follows:

- To contribute to development of human capital in the country;
- Address challenge of malnutrition;
- Promote nutrition awareness and good eating habits for sustainable health and wellbeing

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.

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.

Ministries of Women & Child Development and 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 Andolans 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.

Under Mission Poshan 2.0, two lakh Anganwadi Centres located in Government buildings @ 40,000 AWCs per year are to be strengthened and upgraded as Saksham Anganwadis for delivery of improved nutrition and for Early Childhood Care and Education in the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission cycle. Saksham Anganwadis are to be provided with better infrastructure than the conventional Anganwadi centres with LED screens, water filtration system, Poshan Vatika, ECCE material and BALA paintings. As on 30.11.2025, a total of 2 lakh AWCs has been approved for upgradation for which an amount of Rs. 123265.30 lakhs have been allocated to all States/UTs across the country.

Under PM JANMAN for the targeted development of 75 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), a total of 2,500 Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) has been sanctioned to 17 States for construction of AWCs as per the target set by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the years 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26. The Ministry has allocated ₹300.0 Crore for the construction of AWCs, and an amount of ₹171.90 Crore has been released.

Under Dharti Abha Janjati Gram Unnat Abhiyan, efforts are being made to improve the socio-economic conditions of tribal communities through saturation-based coverage across about 63,843 tribal-majority and aspirational ST villages. The Cabinet-approved interventions for FY 2024–25 to FY 2028–29 include establishing 2,000 new Saksham AWCs and upgrading 6,000 existing ones. Under the Abhiyan, 875 AWCs have been sanctioned for construction, of which 435 are already operational, serving 26,835 beneficiaries.

The State/UT and district wise data on beneficiaries and on stunting, wasting and underweight is available on Poshan Tracker at the link: <https://www.poshantracker.in/statistics>.

(e) The details of funds released and utilized so far under the said scheme in Uttar Pradesh is as under:

(Rs in crores)

2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	2025-26
Funds released	Fund utilised	Funds released	Fund utilised	Funds released	Fund utilised	Funds released	Funds released as on 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025
2407.55	2341.91	2721.87	2622.64	2668.69	2510.27	2694.62	1802.49.

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