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MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
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GRAM PANCHAYAT ABHIYAN

1620. SMT. SMITA UDAY WAGH:
SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI:
SHRI DEVESH SHAKYA:
SMT. HIMADRI SINGH:
SHRI ALOK SHARMA:
SHRI JASWANTSINH SUMANBHAI BHABHOR:
SHRI MANISH JAISWAL:
SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:
SHRI ANANTA NAYAK:
SHRI ANUP SANJAY DHOTRE:
DR. BHOLA SINGH:
SMT. SHOBHANABEN MAHENDRASINH BARAIYA:
SHRI NEERAJ MAURYA:
DR. VINOD KUMAR BIND:
SHRI RAHUL SINGH LODHI:
SHRI BUNTY VIVEK SAHU:
SHRI TRIVENDRA SINGH RAWAT:
SHRI BIBHU PRASAD TARAI:
SHRI TAPIR GAO:
SMT. KAMALJEET SEHRAWAT:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria and methodology adopted for identifying, benchmarking and conducting cross-State peer reviews of the 1,000 high-performing Panchayats under the Suposhit Gram Panchayat Abhiyan in the country;
- (b) the number of Gram Panchayats selected under the said scheme, State and district-wise particularly in Madhya Pradesh Chhindwara district;
- (c) the ranking of the Panchayats on the basis of the criteria set under the said scheme, State and district-wise including Uttar Pradesh particularly Etah, Kasganj, Badaun, Shahjahanpur and Aonla Lok Sabha Constituencies;
- (d) the details of the incentives, recognition or other support including financial, technical and special assistance being provided to selected Panchayats under Etah, Kasganj, Dahol and Sahdol parliamentary Constituencies, State and district-wise;
- (e) the details of measurable improvements recorded in various indices related to the areas of nutrition levels, Anganwadi services and basic infrastructure through the said initiative so far and outcome, State/UT and district-wise;

(f) whether the Government proposes to take any concrete steps to replicate and expand the best practices of the high-performing Panchayats in other areas particularly Aspirational Districts and other tribal areas to accelerate the achievement of the goal of a malnutrition-free India and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(g) whether any State and district-wise analysis has been undertaken and if so, the details thereof, State and district-wise particularly Maharashtra and Jalgaon Lok Sabha Constituency; and

(h) whether any Gram Panchayats from Bulandshahr district have been identified or benchmarked under this initiative and if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH)

(a) to (h): As per information provided by Ministry of Women Child & Development (MoWCD), the Suposhit Gram Panchayat Abhiyaan was launched by MoWCD on 26th December 2024 with the objective of accelerating progress towards a malnutrition-free Bharat. States and Union Territories nominated top performing Gram Panchayats (GPs) based on data available on the Poshan Tracker Application, subject to a ceiling of 10% of the total GPs in each State/UT.

Eligibility conditions for nomination are as below:

- (i) Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) functional for at least 21 days per month during the last quarter;
- (ii) A minimum of 50 registered beneficiaries per GP across all categories (Pregnant Women, Lactating Mothers and children aged 0–6 years);
- (iii) At least 80% AWCs with drinking water facilities;
- (iv) At least 70% AWCs with toilet facilities;
- (v) At least 90% growth measurement efficiency across all AWCs in the GP.

The Suposhit Gram Panchayat Incentive has a grant of Rs.1 lakh per GP to the top 1000 qualified GPs to utilize the incentive money for the following:

- (i) 25% to Anganwadi Workers & Helpers.
- (ii) 25% to GP for community mobilization & increasing beneficiary enrolment in AWCs.

(iii) 50% for nutrition related activities at the AWCs including development of Poshan Vatikas, value addition to Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP), etc

The assessment framework under the guidelines of Suposhit Gram Panchayat Abhiyaan is outcome-oriented and data-driven, using indicators in the Poshan Tracker Application. Assessment criterion for Measurable improvements are as follows:

(i) Reduction in Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM), Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM), severe stunting and severe underweight among children;

(ii) Improved nutritional status of pregnant women and lactating mothers.

(iii) Increased regularity in supplementary nutrition coverage for pregnant women, lactating mothers and children aged 6 months to 6 years;

(iv) Improved infrastructure availability, including functional toilets, drinking water and electricity in Anganwadi Centres;

(v) Enhanced efficiency of measurement for height and weight of the Anganwadi beneficiaries.

The guidelines for the awards were published with detailed methodology to ensure proper representation of the GPs which have done commendable work in reducing malnutrition. The significance of the Suposhit Gram Panchayat Abhiyaan extends far beyond mere recognition of achievements. It serves as a powerful catalyst for change, inspiring communities to embrace sustainable practices and innovative approaches in their fight against malnutrition through positive competition. The GPs which have achieved the set milestones as per the methodology and have also been reported by the respective States/UTs on Poshan Tracker, are entitled to get the award under the Abhiyaan. The award has not been declared yet.

Detailed guidelines are available at:
https://wcd.gov.in/documents/uploaded/1735534720_aP3UWRtx9R.pdf.
