

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA  
UN-STARRED QUESTION 3554  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2026

**MISSION POSHAN 2.0 IN MADHYA PRADESH**

3554. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH CHAUDHARY:

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

- (a) the number of children (0-6 years) and pregnant & lactating women who have been benefited so far under Mission Poshan 2.0 in Madhya Pradesh, district-wise including Hoshangabad, Narsinghpur and Raisen districts;
- (b) the number of Anganwadi centres upgraded as "Saksham Anganwadis" in the above three districts and the infrastructure, nutrition and digital facilities provided in them;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that the challenge of malnutrition is relatively high in the tribal (Adivasi) development blocks of Narsinghpur district; and
- (d) if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration for additional nutrition funds, special packages or targeted interventions for such areas and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (d): The number of children (0-6 years) and pregnant & lactating women who have been benefitted so far under Mission Poshan 2.0 in Madhya Pradesh, including Hoshangabad, Narsinghpur and Raisen districts is available at the link: <https://www.poshantracker.in/statistics>.

Under Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, two lakh Anganwadi Centres have been selected for upgradation during 2021-22 to 2025-26 as Saksham Anganwadis. Saksham Anganwadis are being strengthened and upgraded for improved nutrition delivery for stimulating the creative, social, emotional, cognitive and intellectual development of children under 6 years of age in convergence with education development programmes, providing / adding more services with better infrastructure including internet/Wi-Fi connectivity to be provided wherever possible through BharatNet, LED screens, water purifier/installation of RO Machine and Early Childhood Care and Education with smart learning aids, audio-visual aids and child-friendly learning equipment's, Art Work (Educational painting, practice board for children, information board) and wall painting (cleaning, sanding, repairing). The number of AWCs upgraded into Saksham Anganwadi as on 09.03.2026 for the State of Madhya Pradesh has been placed at Annexure.

Nutrition goes beyond mere eating of food; it requires proper digestion, absorption, and metabolism of nutrients. This process is 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 in a convergent manner. It is being addressed under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 by establishing cross cutting convergence amongst 18 Ministries/Departments.

Funds have been allocated to States and UTs on usual cost sharing basis.

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**Annexure**

The number of AWCs upgraded into Saksham Anganwadi as on 09.03.2026 for the State of Madhya Pradesh

<b>State name</b>	<b>Total sanctioned</b>	<b>AWCs upgraded into Saksham Angnawadis</b>
Madhya Pradesh	24,662	8,038

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