

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3582
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2026

FUNDS ALLOCATION TO FLAGSHIP SCHEMES

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

- (a) the Union Budget allocations to the Ministry of Women and Child Development during the last four financial years, including the 2026-27 allocation;
- (b) the details of the proportion of funds dedicated to flagship schemes such as Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0, covering nutrition support, early childhood care and adolescent girls;
- (c) the details of the actual expenditure incurred, fund utilisation rates and spending as a percentage of GDP during the said period, year-wise;
- (d) whether measures implemented to ensure increased budgetary support leads to improved nutritional outcomes, enhanced child development indicators and greater women's empowerment, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the monitoring and evaluation mechanisms in place to track progress, ensure accountability and assess results of these schemes?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (b) The Union Budget allocations to the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) along with details of the proportion of funds dedicated to flagship schemes such as Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, covering nutrition support, early childhood care and adolescent girls, for the last four years, including the 2026-27, are given as below:

(Rs. in crore)

| Year | Total budget allocated to MWCD | | Budget allocated to Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 | | % of share of Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 w.r.t BE allocated to MWCD | % of share of Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0 w.r.t RE allocated to MWCD |
|------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|---|---|
| | Budget Estimates | Revised Estimates | Budget Estimates | Revised Estimates | | |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | | |
| | | | | | (5) = (3)/(1) | (6) = (4)/(2) |

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| 2022-23 | 25172.28 | 23912.69 | 20263.07 | 20263.07 | 80.49% | 84.73% |
| 2023-24 | 25448.75 | 25448.68 | 20554.31 | 21523.13 | 80.76% | 84.57% |
| 2024-25 | 26092.19 | 24588.30 | 21200.00 | 21035.12 | 81.25% | 85.55% |
| 2025-26 | 26889.69 | 24373.91 | 21960.00 | 20949.47 | 81.66% | 85.95% |
| 2026-27 | 28183.06 | - | 23100.00 | - | 81.96% | |

(c) the details of the actual expenditure incurred, fund utilisation rates and spending as a percentage of GDP for the last four year is given below:-

(Rs. in crore)

| Year | Actual Expenditure of MWCD | Fund utilisation rates w.r.t Revised Estimates | GDP at current prices# | % of Actual Expenditure/ Spending of MWCD w.r.t GDP (approx.) |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--|------------------------|---|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) = (1)/(3) |
| 2022-23 | 23512.07 | 98.32% | 26117627 | 0.09% |
| 2023-24 | 25018.46 | 98.31% | 28983909 | 0.09% |
| 2024-25 | 24529.48 | 99.76% | 31807309 (*FRE) | 0.08% |
| 2025-26 (as on 11.03.2026) | 15490.92 | 63.56% | 34547157 (*SAE) | 0.04% |

* FRE (First Revised Estimates), SAE (Second Advance Estimate)

Source: MoSPI website

(d) The Government gives utmost priority to the safety, security, health, education, nutrition and empowerment of women and children and has adopted multi-pronged approach to address their educational, social and economic empowerment across the country.

Under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, a package of six services are provided to the eligible beneficiaries i.e Supplementary Nutrition (SNP), Pre-school Non-formal Education, Nutrition & Health Education, Immunization, Health Check-up, and Referral Services. Three of the six services, viz., Immunization, Health check-up and Referral Services are related to health and are provided through National Health Mission (NHM) & Public Health Infrastructure.

Under the Mission Shakti aims at strengthening interventions for women safety, security and empowerment. Mission Shakti comprises of two verticals 'Sambal' for safety and security of women and 'Samarthy' for empowerment of women. Mission Shakti is Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

Further, schemes of this Ministry are Centrally Sponsored schemes. Central Government is responsible for the overall planning and policy under the schemes whereas their day to day implementation falls under the ambit of State Government or UT administration.

(e) To address the challenge of malnutrition, the Ministry is implementing Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0. Under the umbrella Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 which is also known as Mission Poshan 2.0, various component of Anganwadi services, Poshan Abhiyaan and Scheme for Adolescent girls (14-18 years, in Aspirational Districts and North-Eastern region) have been subsumed. It is a Centrally Sponsored Mission, where the responsibility for implementation of various activities lies with the States and UTs. This Mission covers Children under 6 years of age, pregnant women, lactating mothers till 6 months after childbirth and adolescent girls (14-18 years of age) in Northeastern States and Aspirational Districts of the country. The Mission is being implemented in all States/UTs in the country.

The 'Poshan Tracker' application was rolled out as an important governance tool. The Poshan Tracker facilitates monitoring and tracking of all Anganwadi Centers (AWCs), Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and beneficiaries on defined indicators. Technology under Poshan Tracker is being leveraged for dynamic identification of stunting, wasting, underweight prevalence among children. It has facilitated near real time data collection for Anganwadi Services such as, opening of AWCs, daily attendance of children, Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) activities, Growth Monitoring of children, Provision of Hot Cooked Meal (HCM)/Take Home Ration (THR-not raw ration), Growth Measurement etc. The application also offers counselling videos on key behaviours and services which help disseminate messages on birth preparedness, delivery of child, post-natal care, breastfeeding and complementary feeding. Regular field level trainings/workshops are conducted directly for AWWs regarding use of the Poshan Tracker Application. Poshan Tracker also features self-learning videos for AWWs, enabling continuous capacity building and on-the-job learning through digital modules.

For last mile tracking of Service Delivery, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) has developed Facial Recognition System (FRS) in Poshan Tracker Application for distribution of Take-Home Ration to ensure that benefit is given only to the intended beneficiary registered in Poshan Tracker.

The Nominee Module has been introduced in Poshan Tracker to ensure uninterrupted delivery of Take-Home Ration (THR) to the beneficiaries; Pregnant Women, Lactating Mothers, and Adolescent Girls. If due to any reason, the registered beneficiary is unable to visit the Anganwadi Centre to receive their THR through FRS, she can nominate a nominee on her behalf to receive her THR. Nominee has to undergo e-KYC only ONCE. But face matching will be done every time for receiving THR on behalf of the beneficiary. Even after addition of the nominee, beneficiary can still receive the THR at the Anganwadi Center if the nominee has not received it already.

Further, once in a year, the Programme Approval Board (PAB) monitors with States and UTs, the progress of activities under the scheme and reviews status of achievement of objectives, effective delivery of services to women and children. Apart from this, officials of the Ministry continuously review the scheme through meetings, video conferencing and by making field visits to States/UTs from time to time. There exists a well-structured mechanism for effective

implementation of the schemes and the monitoring for effective delivery of services to the beneficiaries.

Moreover, A third party evaluation (2019-24) of the schemes of the Ministry was conducted by NITI Aayog and found the schemes as satisfactory from the point of view of relevance, effectiveness & sustainability.
