

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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UNSTARRED QUESTION. 4695
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2026

ANGANWADI INFRASTRUCTURE UNDER POSHAN 2.0

4695. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

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

- (a) the status of creation of a convergent eco-system involving relevant Ministries, Departments and State Governments to develop and promote practices that nurture health, nutrition, wellness and immunity under the Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 scheme, and the outcomes achieved so far;
- (b) the reorganisation and rationalisation of existing components under Poshan 2.0 undertaken to address gaps and shortcomings in the ongoing nutrition programme, improve implementation and accelerate improvements in nutrition and child development outcomes, including specific measures taken for the North-Eastern Region;
- (c) the status of Anganwadi infrastructure including number of modernised and upgraded Saksham Anganwadi Centres, availability of basic facilities such as buildings, drinking water, sanitation, electricity and digital infrastructure, across the country, State-wise; and
- (d) the timeline for upgradation of remaining centres and State-wise funds allocated for the same?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (d): 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. In convergence with these Ministries and Departments, along with

States and UTs, major activities are undertaken under Jan Andolans during Poshan Maah and Poshan Pakhwada celebrated in the months of September and March-April respectively. These activities are conducted for Community Mobilization and Awareness Advocacy to educate people on nutritional aspects as adoption of good nutrition habit requires sustained efforts for behavioural change. More than 150 crore Jan Andolan activities have been conducted since 2018 through 15 Jan Andolans in the country. Also, Community Based Events (CBEs) have served as a significant strategy in changing nutritional practices. All Anganwadi workers are required to conduct two CBEs every month. A total of 9.8 crore CBEs has been conducted from 2018 to February 2026.

The Mission Poshan 2.0, has subsumed Anganwadi services, Poshan Abhiyaan and Scheme for Adolescent girls to strengthen and accelerate improvements in nutrition and child development. It is a Centrally Sponsored Mission being implemented in all States and UTs including Northeastern region of the country. Responsibility for implementation of various activities of the Mission lies with the States and UTs. This Mission includes beneficiaries; Children under 6 years of age, pregnant women, lactating mothers and adolescent girls (of 14-18 years age in Aspirational Districts and North-Eastern region) of the country.

The status of infrastructure at Anganwadi Centres with facilities such as buildings, drinking water and sanitation is available at the public dashboard of Poshan Tracker application: <https://www.poshantracker.in/statistics>. Further, all Anganwadi workers have been provided Smart Phones for using Poshan Tracker digital application.

2 lakh Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) have been approved for five years for upgradation as Saksham Anganwadi Centres. State and UT wise approved number of AWCs along with funds allocated is placed at **Annexure**.

STATE AND UT WISE NUMBER OF AWCS APPROVED FOR UPGRADATION AND FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR THEM (BY FEBRUARY 2026)

S. No.	Name of State and UTs	Total No. of AWCS approved for upgradation	Total Fund allocated for as on date (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Nagaland	149	134.1
2	Manipur	30	27
3	Ladakh	14	14
4	Chandigarh	69	69
5	Sikkim	435	391.5
6	Arunachal Pradesh	152	136.8
7	Andhra Pradesh	9958	5974.8
8	Assam	5407	4866.3
9	Mizoram	1600	1440
10	Meghalaya	121	108.9
11	Karnataka	17732	10639.2
12	Tripura	474	426.6
13	Maharashtra	14,745	8847
14	Goa	24	14.4
15	Jammu and Kashmir	338	304.2
16	Andaman & Nicobar	140	140
17	Lakshadweep	18	18
18	Uttar Pradesh	23697	14218.2
19	Tamil Nadu	11972	7183.2
20	Puducherry	135	81
21	Kerala	4152	2491
22	Uttarakhand	827	744.3
23	Chhattisgarh	11490	6894
24	West Bengal	5359	3215.4
25	Madhya Pradesh	24662	14797
26	Odisha	12140	7284
27	Bihar	11529	6917.4
28	Telangana	5008	3004.8
29	Gujarat	13147	7888.2
30	Rajasthan	3514	2108.4
31	Jharkhand	16775	10065
32	Himachal Pradesh	1030	927.00
33	Punjab	353	211.8
34	Haryana	2804	1682.4
