

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 4936**  
ANSWERED ON- 23.03.2026

**Children Covered under PM POSHAN Scheme in Andhra Pradesh**

4936. Shri P V Midhun Reddy:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of children covered under the PM POSHAN Scheme in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;
- (b) the details of availability of cook-cum-helpers, kitchen sheds and infrastructure in Government schools of the said State;
- (c) the details of food safety, nutrition quality and monitoring mechanisms in place; and
- (d) the details of special interventions for tribal, aspirational districts and remote areas of the said State?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

**(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)**

(a) to (d): Education is a subject in the Concurrent List of the Constitution of India and the majority of schools are under the administrative control of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) administration. Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) Scheme is one of the foremost rights based Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented in partnership with the States and UTs for providing one hot cooked and nutritious meal to all children studying in Bal Vatika (just before class-I) and classes I to VIII of Government and Government-aided schools. The Scheme covers about 11 crore children in more than 10.35 lakh schools in all the States/UTs. The overall responsibility for smooth functioning of the Scheme including providing hot cooked and nutritious meal to the eligible children as well as engagement of Cook-cum-Helpers (CCHs) lies with the States/UTs.

The district-wise number of children enrolled under the PM POSHAN Scheme as reported by State Government of Andhra Pradesh is at **Annexure-I**. Further, the State has also reported the details of CCHs, kitchen sheds and infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh which is at **Annexure-II**.

The Government of India has issued detailed guidelines to improve the implementation of the scheme to all the States/UTs. These guidelines are available on official website <https://pmposhan.education.gov.in>. These guidelines, inter-alia, provide for instructions to schools to procure Agmark quality and branded items for preparation of meals, training to CCHs, tasting of

meals by members of School Management Committee including at least one teacher before serving the hot meal to children. The guidelines, inter-alia, provide for training of CCHs on nutrition, cooking processes, health and hygiene, preparation of raw grains and vegetables, recipes, serving skills etc. States/UTs are providing training to CCHs in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India through their Institutes of Hotel Management and Food Craft Institutes, FSSAI, State Agricultural Universities etc. States/ UTs are directed to conduct cooking competitions among CCHs to encourage them to cook varied and nutritious meals. Many States/ UTs are conducting the competitions and also giving cash prizes to the winners.

The scheme also provides elaborate monitoring mechanism i.e. Empowered Committee under the Chairpersonship of the Hon'ble Union Education Minister, Programme Approval Board (PAB) under the Chairpersonship of the Secretary (DoSE&L), State Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee under the Chairpersonship of the Chief Secretary, District level Steering-cum- Monitoring Committee under the Chairpersonship of the District Collector. The PM Poshan Guidelines provides a District Level Committee under the Chairmanship of senior most Member of Parliament (MP) of the district to monitor the scheme on quarterly basis.

There is a provision of 5% of total recurring budget as the flexi component to be used by the States/UTs for setting up of School Nutrition Gardens (SNGs) and provision of Supplementary Nutrition interventions in identified districts. Many States/UTs provide additional supplementary nutrition interventions like egg, milk, chikki, fresh fruits, chicken, ragi malt etc.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4936 FOR 23.03.2026 RAISED BY SHRI P V MIDHUN REDDY, HON'BLE MP REGARDING CHILDREN COVERED UNDER PM POSHAN SCHEME IN ANDHRA PRADESH.**

**Number of children covered under the PM POSHAN Scheme**

S. No.	Districts	No. of Children
1	Srikakulam	106750
2	Manyam	49860
3	Vizianagaram	75937
4	Visakhapatnam	48865
5	ASR	92123
6	Anakapalli	61482
7	Kakinada	85599
8	East Godavari	63242
9	Konaseema	62376
10	Eluru	78833
11	West Godavari	62285
12	Krishna	59428
13	NTR	60425
14	Guntur	67009
15	Palnadu	98963
16	Bapatla	60651
17	Prakasam	126864
18	SPSR Nellore	119033
19	Tirupati	99262
20	Chittoor	103794
21	Annamayya	90901
22	YSR Kadapa	93252
23	Sri Satyasai	90583
24	Ananthapuram	141347
25	Kurnool	197380
26	Nandyal	96091
	Total	2292335

**ANNEXURE-II**

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**Details of CCHs, Kitchen Sheds and Infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh**

Total Schools	No. of CCHs	No. of Schools with Kitchen Sheds	No. of class rooms	No. of Toilets	No. of Schools with drinking water facility	No. of Schools with furniture	No. of Schools with electricity facility
43218	79948	32484	171804	124147	43101	43101	43101