

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4073
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2023

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION UNDER POSHAN ABHIYAN

4073. SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY:

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

- (a) the date on which Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition (POSHAN) was launched and the process of selection of beneficiaries under the said scheme;
- (b) whether any criteria has been set for selection of beneficiaries under the said scheme
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of eligible persons benefitted by the said scheme in the country from its launch till December, 2022, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (e) the number of beneficiaries under the said scheme in Rajasthan from 2019-20 to 2023-24 and the amount provided to the beneficiaries, year-wise and district-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c) POSHAN Abhiyaan, a flagship scheme of the Government was launched in 2018 to address the challenges of malnutrition by adopting a synergised and result oriented approach. The Abhiyaan has been rolled-out in all States and UTs. POSHAN Abhiyaan was launched to achieve improvement in nutritional status of Children from 0-6 years, Adolescent Girls, Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers, in a time bound manner.

Poshan Abhiyan has been re-aligned as part of Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0) in the 15th Finance Commission period. It seeks to address the challenge of child malnutrition and maternal under-nutrition through a strategic shift in nutrition content and delivery and create conditions and a convergent eco-system to develop practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity.

The Scheme is a universal self-selecting scheme, open to all eligible beneficiaries, namely, pregnant women, lactating mothers, children under the age of 6 years and Adolescent Girls (14-18, in North Eastern States and Aspirational Districts) registered at the nearest Anganwadi Centre on demand, irrespective of caste, religion and income criteria.

(d) Service delivery under Mission Poshan 2.0 is monitored through the ICT application, Poshan Tracker, which was launched in March 2021. State/UT-wise beneficiaries as on December 2022 under POSHAN Scheme in the country is at **Annexure I**.

(e) The number of beneficiaries district-wise under POSHAN Scheme in the State of Rajasthan as on February, 2023 is at **Annexure II**. Poshan Abhiyan is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, with the implementation being carried out by State Governments. Under the scheme, funds are released to the State Government at a cost sharing ratio of 60:40. Since the launch of the Scheme, Rs. 22904.21 lakh have been released to the State of Rajasthan

Annexure I**State-wise Beneficiaries as on December, 2022**

STATE/UT	Total_0m_6m	Total_6m_3y	Total_3y_6y	Total_Pregnant_Women	Total_Lactating_Mothers
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	773	8366	4740	1009	745
Andhra Pradesh	120040	1238128	1085888	261631	149431
Arunachal Pradesh	1667	22897	28050	2629	1428
Assam	164918	1330676	1714250	236113	149230
Bihar	325892	3880958	5039345	735783	400057
Chhattisgarh	67692	1029725	1138477	197828	77557
Dadra & Nagar Haveli - Daman & Diu	3244	13374	9480	4458	3245
Delhi	57713	350715	214661	52583	57520
Goa	4643	34502	23113	5243	5127
Gujarat	261179	1525248	1598365	280267	262346
Haryana	95387	709273	912246	135453	135347
Himachal Pradesh	35668	218697	200851	40368	37157
J&K	25716	323125	361565	51446	47180
Jharkhand	156195	1460406	1571887	272891	168645
Karnataka	177770	1848644	1723939	391018	205736
Kerala	142977	865271	1092072	173916	150482
Ladakh	837	8028	8903	958	1009
Lakshadweep	497	3425	1636	574	447
Madhya Pradesh	212957	2953677	3451150	546520	246102
Maharashtra	313790	2522652	3626267	374813	334271
Manipur	11942	112041	153595	15998	11351
Meghalaya	21554	161220	231078	17715	19123
Mizoram	4794	47124	57284	8488	4670
Nagaland	543	20736	42756	680	497
Odisha	168771	1593115	1843918	320508	174824
Puducherry	2287	21541	10416	3054	2795
Punjab	36226	543543	387790	104402	49658
Rajasthan	225424	2123259	1724302	474527	329852
Sikkim	1871	13285	16739	1994	1975
Tamil Nadu	297292	1761668	1210104	345310	302801
Telangana	125149	943390	800992	204224	127431
Tripura	16012	133359	169331	26702	16311
UT-Chandigarh	3796	18996	23301	3522	3749
Uttar Pradesh	1081733	9059177	7665205	1978603	1320585
Uttarakhand	36583	383139	280421	73586	50790
West Bengal	392302	3349660	4115817	695401	391966
Total	4595834	40633040	42539934	8040215	5241440

Annexure II

District-wise Beneficiaries in Rajasthan as on February, 2023

State	District	Total children (0m-6m)	Total children (6m-3y)	Total children (3y-6y)	Total pregnant woman	Total lactating mother
Rajasthan	Ajmer	8675	53803	42881	10867	11355
Rajasthan	Alwar	17643	135322	94544	22046	21734
Rajasthan	Banswara	6793	85131	74878	12520	10246
Rajasthan	Baran	8443	50536	44050	10014	8608
Rajasthan	Barmer	7809	103746	131157	15759	13438
Rajasthan	Bharatpur	7086	86657	64336	15064	12955
Rajasthan	Bhilwara	11862	84133	59259	15369	14937
Rajasthan	Bikaner	3269	55417	45769	9194	8226
Rajasthan	Bundi	6840	41336	32297	8117	8142
Rajasthan	Chittorgarh	5707	50214	43821	7975	7245
Rajasthan	Churu	8674	67745	45485	10228	10937
Rajasthan	Dausa	6064	55551	42272	9358	7935
Rajasthan	Dholpur	5528	47963	39115	9527	8451
Rajasthan	Dungarpur	5776	60114	51394	9781	8583
Rajasthan	Hanumangarh	8292	55298	33023	9312	9582
Rajasthan	Jaipur	14380	110395	72137	19921	21523
Rajasthan	Jaisalmer	1175	19080	26502	2868	2385
Rajasthan	Jalore	1954	52463	61166	7164	5518
Rajasthan	Jhalawar	6584	52461	49462	9873	8676
Rajasthan	Jhunjhunu	7038	57006	26577	9760	9825
Rajasthan	Jodhpur	11707	89404	84465	13520	14523
Rajasthan	Karouli	2662	55578	61808	8590	6369
Rajasthan	Kota	6710	39616	31746	7822	8106
Rajasthan	Nagaur	11851	98037	74342	15930	15856
Rajasthan	Pali	8350	68112	47680	12961	12937
Rajasthan	Pratapgarh	2073	34692	40252	4859	3325
Rajasthan	Rajsamand	4073	36926	26543	6508	5967
Rajasthan	Sawai Madhopur	6027	47844	35725	8993	8054
Rajasthan	Sikar	8584	68820	36437	11536	10999
Rajasthan	Sirohi	4990	40546	32177	6403	6028
Rajasthan	Sri Ganganagar	8842	56065	34596	10163	10533
Rajasthan	Tonk	5745	48113	40410	8187	7537
Rajasthan	Udaipur	12915	110144	88693	18633	17541
Total		244121	2118268	1714999	358822	338076