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SAKSHAM ANGANWADI AND POSHAN SCHEME 2.0

1067. SHRI JOYANTA BASUMATARY:

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 Scheme 2.0 scheme and the outcomes achieved so far;
- (b) the details of 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; and
- (c) the present status of Anganwadi infrastructure across the country indicating the number of modernised and upgraded Saksham Anganwadi Centres, availability of basic facilities such as buildings, drinking water, sanitation, electricity and digital infrastructure, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (c): 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. The issue is being addressed under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0) by establishing cross cutting convergence amongst 18 Ministries/Departments.

To strengthen implementation, coordination and monitoring under the Mission Poshan 2.0, State-Level Steering Committees and District Nutrition Committees have been constituted for

coordinating the activities of various departments and ensure effective convergence between schemes/programs.

In convergence with these Ministries and Departments, along with States and UTs, one of the major activities undertaken is Community Mobilization and Awareness Advocacy to educate people on nutritional aspects as adoption of good nutrition habit requires sustained efforts for behavioral change. State and UTs are conducting and reporting regular sensitization activities under Jan Andolans during Poshan Maah and Poshan Pakhwada celebrated in the months of September and March-April respectively. Community Based Events (CBEs) have served as a significant strategy in changing nutritional practices and all Anganwadi workers are required to conduct two Community Based Events every month. A total of 10.5 crore CBEs has been conducted from 2018 to June 2026 and more than 150 crore Jan Andolan activities have been conducted since 2018 through 16 Jan Andolans.

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 present status of Anganwadi infrastructure across the country indicating the number of modernised and upgraded Saksham Anganwadi Centres is placed at **Annexure-I**. 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, the frontline functionaries - Anganwadi Workers, Block Coordinators and Supervisors are equipped with smartphones to enter the data of services being provided to the beneficiaries under Mission Poshan 2.0 on the Poshan Tracker digital application.

Annexure-I

THE PRESENT STATUS OF ANGANWADI INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS THE COUNTRY INDICATING THE NUMBER OF MODERNISED AND UPGRADED SAKSHAM ANGANWADI CENTRES:

S.No.	Name of State and UTs	Total No. of AWCs approved for upgradation
1	Nagaland	149
2	Manipur	30
3	Ladakh	14
4	Chandigarh	69
5	Sikkim	435
6	Arunachal Pradesh	152
7	Andhra Pradesh	9958
8	Assam	5407
9	Mizoram	1600
10	Meghalaya	121
11	Karnataka	17732
12	Tripura	474
13	Maharashtra	14,745
14	Goa	24
15	Jammu and Kashmir	338
16	Andaman & Nicobar	140
17	Lakshadweep	18
18	Uttar Pradesh	23697
19	Tamil Nadu	11972
20	Puducherry	135
21	Kerala	4152
22	Uttarakhand	827
23	Chhattisgarh	11490
24	West Bengal	5359
25	Madhya Pradesh	24662
26	Odisha	12140
27	Bihar	11529
28	Telangana	5008
29	Gujarat	13147
30	Rajasthan	3514
31	Jharkhand	16775
32	Himachal Pradesh	1030
33	Punjab	353
34	Haryana	2804
