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IMPLEMENTATION ASSESSMENT OF POSHAN TRACKER

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

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any assessment of the implementation of the Poshan Tracker to evaluate its impact on delivery of nutrition and child development services under Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether such assessment has identified any challenges relating to digital authentication, data quality/service delivery through Poshan Tracker, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has prescribed any mechanism for periodic evaluation of the impact of the Poshan Tracker on beneficiary coverage and service delivery, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the measures taken/proposed to be taken to address the challenges identified and strengthen the implementation of the POSHAN Tracker?

ANSWER

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(a) to (d): To review the progress of the Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 digitally, the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) has introduced 'Poshan Tracker' application as an ICT based governance tool. It provides facility for monitoring and review of all services provided to the beneficiaries at Anganwadi Centres and also at their home. Poshan Tracker has enabled the Ministry, as well as States and UTs to continuously review the implementation of the Mission on various parameters and to make course correction.

An outcome-based evaluation study of Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 was conducted by Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO), NITI Aayog (2025). As per the study, digitalization through Poshan Tracker Application has a multi-dimensional impact on nutrition monitoring, Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), beneficiary authentication, and service delivery efficiency. The Report highlighted Poshan Tracker as a significant shift from manual, paper-based systems to a technology-enabled governance

framework under the Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP). As per the report, Poshan Tracker has become the cornerstone for digital monitoring of beneficiaries, inventory, and service delivery at Anganwadi Centres (AWCs). The expansion of digital platforms like the Poshan Tracker represents a foundational shift in governance, enabling greater responsiveness, efficiency, and transparency in the SNP's last-mile delivery. Further, in pursuance to the Union Budget Speech of 2016, every scheme has been aligned with the Finance Commission cycles and its continuation is based on the evaluation of scheme by a third party.

To address network-related issues while using Poshan Tracker, such as low or no internet connectivity in some areas, the application provides offline functionality for conducting e-KYC and face matching under the Facial Recognition System (FRS) for distribution of Take-Home Ration (THR). OTP for e-KYC and Aadhar face matching has to be taken ONCE in the entire life cycle of a beneficiary. It creates ease of living for the beneficiaries to avail the Anganwadi services even when network or server issues are present. The data entered on the application in the offline mode has provision of 5 days to sync, once network restores.

MoWCD provides continuous training and handholding support to Anganwadi Workers for effective use of the Poshan Tracker application through the following mechanisms:

- Learning Videos and awareness documents: In the Resource section of the Poshan Tracker application, learning videos and awareness documents are available for Anganwadi Workers which can be accessed by them at any point of time for effective delivery of their routine tasks.
- Under the Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi (PBPB) initiative, the MoWCD is imparting training to all the officials and field functionaries in the States and UTs through a cascading model of training, wherein Master Trainers (District Officers, Block Coordinators and Supervisors) are trained, and the master trainers further train all Anganwadi Workers in the field. Training is imparted on different modules of Poshan Tracker, viz. Facial Recognition System (FRS), Geo-Tagging, Home Visit Scheduler etc. Block and District coordinators provide on-ground handholding support to AWWs and supervisors for effective usage of the Poshan Tracker Application and resolution of technical glitches.
- Daily Virtual Classroom Sessions: Digital India Corporation (DIC) organises virtual classroom sessions every day (Monday to Friday) from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM, in which Anganwadi Workers may join to raise operational queries and receive real-time clarifications on use of the application. Further, training sessions from 4:15 PM to 5:15 PM for State officials (supervisor and above level) are organized to resolve implementation-related issues, disseminate updates, and provide training on newly introduced functionalities and enhancements in the Poshan Tracker application.
