

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 2838
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2023

MODERNIZATION OF ANGANWADIS UNDER POSHAN 2.0

2838: SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH:
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- a. whether existing anganwadis in Uttar Pradesh and Odisha have been modernized under POSHAN 2.0, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- b. whether new modernized anganwadis have been established in the said States under POSHAN 2.0, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- c. whether the Government has taken steps to implement the recommendations for change in diets of the children, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- d. whether the attendance in anganwadis in the Gonda-Bahraich in Uttar Pradesh and Balasore in Odisha have improved post 2021-22, if so, the details thereof; and (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b) Under Saksham Anganwadi, across the country 2 lakh Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) (40,000 AWCs per year) would be strengthened and upgraded for improved nutrition delivery and for early childhood care and education for children under 6 years of age in convergence. In FY 2022-23, 40,000 AWCs have been identified in aspirational districts for upgradation. Saksham Anganwadis will have better infrastructure including internet/wifi connectivity, LED screens and smart learning and audio-visual aids and child-friendly learning equipment. Funds have been released to the States for upgradation of AWCs in the current year i.e FY 2022-23 for which utilization is not due for the current Financial Year.

The details of the Anganwadi centres approved to be upgraded as Saksham Anganwadis for the States of Odisha and Uttar Pradesh for the FY 2022-23 is as under:

S.No.	States	No. of AWCs approved for upgradation into Saksham AWCs for the FY 2022-23
1	Odisha	6000
2	Uttar Pradesh	2349

(c) Under Poshan 2.0, supplementary nutrition is provided at the Anganwadi Centers to children in the age group of 6 months to 6 years, adolescent girls, pregnant women, and lactating mothers as per nutrition norms. Recently, the nutrition norms have been revised to make them more comprehensive in terms both quantity and quality, based on principles of diet diversity to also provide quality protein and essential micro nutrients.

(d) and (e) Poshan Tracker application was launched in March 2021. Since then the AWCs have been gradually registered on Poshan Tracker and as on date close to 13.9 lakh AWCs are registered on the Tracker. The various modules under Poshan Tracker, including attendance capture has been rolled out over a period of time. Due to the voluminous size of data from across the country, data is still under stabilization. However, regular data/report on attendance is available from May, 2022. Attendance percentage from May 2022 to 23 February 2023 has improved from 5.53% to 75.9% in Balasore district, from 3.18% to 22.5% in Bagraich and from 5.58% to 27.93% in Gonda.
