

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2091
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2023

SAKSHAM ANGANWADI

2091. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
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SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government is strengthening and upgrading the Anganwadi Centres for improved nutrition delivery and Early Childhood Care and Education, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the differences/changes between conventional Anganwadis and new Saksham Anganwadis indicating the number of Saksham Anganwadis in Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Odisha;
- (c) the details of proposals received by the Government to open such Anganwadis in different districts of said States along with the plan formulated therefor, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has achieved success in the objectives of Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0 campaign in these States, if so, the details and outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the funds released and utilised to achieve the objectives of Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0 campaign during the last three years, State and year-wise?

ANSWER

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

- (a) This Ministry has taken several measures under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, for strengthening and upgrading the Anganwadi Centres for improving nutrition delivery and Early Childhood Care and Education. The details are as follows:

1. The cost norms for construction of Anganwadi Centres in convergence with MGNREGS have been revised from Rs. 7 lakh per AWC to Rs. 12 Lakh per AWC.
2. The unit cost approved for construction of toilet has been raised from Rs.12,000/- to Rs. 36000/- per AWC and for drinking water provisioning the approved cost has been raised from Rs.10,000/- to Rs. 17000/- per AWC to be shared by Centre and States/UTs as per the cost sharing ratio.
3. Directions have been issued to States/UTs to co-locate Anganwadi Centres, which are running on rent without sufficient infrastructure, at the nearby Primary Schools, where space is available.
4. During the 15th Finance Commission cycle, 2 lakh Anganwadi Centres @ 40,000 AWCs per year shall be upgraded as Saksham Anganwadis for improved nutrition delivery and for early childhood care and development
5. Keeping in view the importance of nutrition and Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) services delivery, it has been decided to upgrade all Mini-Anganwadi Centres to a full-fledged Anganwadi Centres with one Anganwadi Worker and one Anganwadi Helper.

(b) & (c) Saksham Anganwadis are proposed to be provided with better infrastructure than the conventional Anganwadi Centres including internet/Wi-Fi connectivity, LED screens, water purifier/installation of RO Machine and equipped with smart learning and audio-visual aids and child-friendly learning equipment for ECCE. In this regard, the number of AWCs approved for upgradation to Saksham AWCs in the States of Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Odisha is at **Annexure-A**.

(d) As per the report of NFHS-5 (2019-21), the nutrition indicators for children under 5 years of age across the country have shown an improving trend as compared with NFHS-4 (2015-16). Wasting percentage has declined from 21% (NFHS-4) to 19.3 % (NFHS-5), Percentage of under-weight children has reduced from 35.7% (NFHS-4) to 32.1% (NFHS-5) and stunting indicator has shown a decline from 38.4% (NFHS-4) to 35.5% (NFHS-5).

Moreover, as per the data of Poshan Tracker for the month of November 2023, around 7.44 crore children under 6 years were measured out of whom 37.51% were found severely/moderately stunted and 17.43% were found severely/moderately underweight. The prevalence of wasting as per Poshan Tracker is at 6 % which is much below NFHS 5 levels of 19.3%.

(e) The components of Supplementary Nutrition under Anganwadi Services, Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG) and Poshan Abhiyaan have been aligned under Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 as an integrated nutrition support programme from the FY 2021-22. The details of the fund released and utilized under the Mission Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0 is tabulated at **Annexure-B**.

Annexure-A to Lok Sabha USQ No. 2091 for answer on 15.12.2023

State	District	No. of Approved Saksham AWCs (FY 2022-23)	TOTAL (STATE-WISE)
MAHARASHTRA	GADCHIROLI	350	1150
	NANDURBAR	100	
	OSMANABAD	400	
	WASHIM	300	
ODISHA	BALANGIR	700	6000
	DHENKANAL	700	
	GAJAPATI	500	
	KALAHANDI	600	
	KANDHAMAL	550	
	KORAPUT	1000	
	MALKANGIRI	400	
	NABARANGPUR	650	
	NUAPADA	400	
	RAYAGADA	500	
TAMIL NADU	RAMANATHAPURAM	400	800
	VIRUDHUNAGAR	400	
A & N ISLANDS	No Saksham AWC approved in the FY 2022-23		

Annexure-B to Lok Sabha USQ No. 2091 for answer on 15.12.2023

Funds released under Anganwadi Services and SAG for the year 2021-22 (As on 31.03.2022) (under Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0)			
(Rupees in lakhs)			
S.No	STATE	Fund released	Fund Utilised
1	2	3	4
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	74460.38	74990.85
2	BIHAR	157443.07	160801.5
3	CHHATTISGARH	60673.15	52272.36
4	GOA	1083.56	1291.72
5	GUJARAT	83985.65	75792.18
6	HARYANA	17303.35	14698.8
7	HIMACHAL PRADESH	24798.74	18330.29
8	JAMMU & KASHMIR	40573.74	98461.76
9	JHARKHAND	35297.77	39797.9
10	KARNATAKA	100370.19	105582.95
11	KERALA	38822.74	160901.59
12	MADHYA PRADESH	108546.91	87115.5
13	MAHARASHTRA	171338.93	17793.83
14	ODISHA	93756.11	77164.16
15	PUNJAB	38351.68	68127.94
16	RAJASTHAN	68264.63	47929.87
17	TAMIL NADU	65538.13	234191.44
18	TELANGANA	48232.68	137830.5
19	UTTAR PRADESH	240755.08	12552.28
20	UTTARAKHAND	35365.25	612.87
21	WEST BENGAL	66835.22	38667.93
22	DELHI	13310.70	70456.92
23	PUDUCHERRY	277.80	33602.58
24	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	1452.18	1333.23
25	CHANDIGARH	1409.52	2185.86
26	DNH & DAMAN DIU	933.39	955.91
27	LADAKH	1469.55	1467.45
28	LAKSHADWEEP	210.52	272.64
29	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	17082.84	23076.54
30	ASSAM	131989.88	143219.22
31	MANIPUR	22892.04	17728.41
32	MEGHALAYA	17332.82	17786.35
33	MIZORAM	5178.09	5519.81
34	NAGALAND	15620.15	15660.84
35	SIKKIM	2573.06	2459.08
36	TRIPURA	18672.47	17165.52
	Grand Total	1822761.97	1877798.58

Funds released under Anganwadi Services Scheme and SAG for the year 2022-23*(under Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0)		
S.No	STATE	(Rupees in lakhs) Fund Released
1	2	3
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	80071.09
2	BIHAR	170092.48
3	CHHATTISGARH	66863.43
4	GOA	1469.20
5	GUJARAT	91213.99
6	HARYANA	19502.72
7	HIMACHAL PRADESH	26829.51
8	JAMMU & KASHMIR	47881.91
9	JHARKHAND	43057.44
10	KARNATAKA	74840.35
11	KERALA	42439.92
12	MADHYA PRADESH	98973.29
13	MAHARASHTRA	164534.03
14	ODISHA	92341.66
15	PUNJAB	7507.59
16	RAJASTHAN	96337.52
17	TAMIL NADU	64893.13
18	TELANGANA	53332.86
19	UTTAR PRADESH	272052.80
20	UTTARAKHAND	41641.38
21	WEST BENGAL	122672.48
22	DELHI	18262.75
23	PUDUCHERRY	10.80
24	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	384.23
25	CHANDIGARH	3160.69
26	DNH & DD	561.73
27	LADAKH	1876.57
28	LAKSHADWEEP	42.83
29	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	13763.55
30	ASSAM	165128.07
31	MANIPUR	13588.98
32	MEGHALAYA	18808.51
33	MIZORAM	4280.74
34	NAGALAND	17589.25
35	SIKKIM	2032.69
36	TRIPURA	14954.55
	Grand Total	1952994.72

*Utilisation for FY 2022-23 is not due.

**State-wise statement of funds released and utilised under POSHAN Abhiyaan
(as on 31.03.2023) [under Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0]**

Amount in ₹lakhs

Sl.	States/UTs	Central Funds released in 2021-22	Central Funds released in 2022-23	Total Central Funds utilised as on 31.03.2023*
1	A & N ISLANDS	518.97	47.45	413.54
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	0.00	2707.69	17560.81
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0.00	14.7	1064.21
4	ASSAM	0.00	34.5	28032.7
5	BIHAR	0.00	3916.76	48380.32
6	CHANDIGARH	122.66	149.21	785.38
7	CHHATTISGARH	0	33	10222.43
8	D & N HAVELI and DAMAN & DIU	0.00	18.22	918.69
9	DELHI	0.00	14.25	3147.94
10	GOA	0.00	1.65	331.65
11	GUJARAT	0.00	50.4	29606.42
12	HARYANA	0.00	22.2	6664.26
13	HIMACHAL PRADESH	0.00	194.38	9176.74
14	JAMMU & KASHMIR	0.00	19.2	9160.82
15	JHARKHAND	0.00	33.6	5467.55
16	KARNATAKA	0.00	1746.6	13221.94
17	KERALA	0.00	2057.7	10400.8
18	LADAKH	0.00	1.95	9.94
19	LAKSHADWEEP	0.00	1.35	356.05
20	MADHYA PRADESH	0.00	2183.79	20087.83
21	MAHARASHTRA	0.00	82.95	43714.39
22	MANIPUR	0.00	6.45	3714.79
23	MEGHALAYA	0.00	430.66	5073.38
24	MIZORAM	753.48	0.00	3212.43
25	NAGALAND	360.12	2340.56	5263.99
26	ODISHA	12842.35	50.7	25009.22
27	PUDUCHERRY	0.00	0.75	361.22
28	PUNJAB	0.00	23.25	5969.64
29	RAJASTHAN	0.00	1064.28	23227.86
30	SIKKIM	0.00	0.00	1370.988
31	TAMIL NADU	0.00	11787.6	21879.36
32	TELANGANA	0.00	1735.95	21495.19
33	TRIPURA	0.00	97.32	3774.79
34	UTTAR PRADESH	0.00	134.55	50652.81
35	UTTARAKHAND	0.00	943.09	12684.11
36	WEST BENGAL	0.00	86.4	0.00
Total		14597.59	32033.11	442414.19

*Includes the utilization of funds released under the POSHAN Abhiyaan from the year 2017-18

Funds released under Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0 for the year 2023-24 (upto 08.12.2023)

S.No	Name of State/UT	Fund released (Rs. in lakhs)
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	17072.27
2	BIHAR	103694.73
3	CHHATTISGARH	28634.89
4	GOA	619.23
5	GUJARAT	22446.86
6	HARYANA	11054.94
7	HIMACHAL PRADESH	16138.73
8	JAMMU & KASHMIR	37408.37
9	JHARKHAND	33329.56
10	KARNATAKA	73657.07
11	KERALA	18371.41
12	MADHYA PRADESH	73862.93
13	MAHARASHTRA	117208.52
14	ODISHA	59405.09
15	PUNJAB	15055.31
16	RAJASTHAN	71209.77
17	TAMIL NADU	43869.39
18	TELANGANA	11777.08
19	UTTAR PRADESH	145144.26
20	UTTARAKHAND	15212.54
21	WEST BENGAL	63807.13
22	DELHI	8778.10
23	PUDUCHERRY	408.72
24	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	666.99
25	CHANDIGARH	728.96
26	DNH & DD	581.80
27	LADAKH	1008.78
28	LAKSHADWEEP	75.19
29	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	7930.17
30	ASSAM	88639.37
31	MANIPUR	13218.34
32	MEGHALAYA	10937.88
33	MIZORAM	3552.39
34	NAGALAND	11178.36
35	SIKKIM	10.49
36	TRIPURA	9822.46
	Grand Total	1124647.52