

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3066
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2024

PROGRESS OF POSHAN ABHIYAAN

3066. SHRI BALYA MAMA SURESH GOPINATH MHATRE:

Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government organizes conferences of Women and Child Development Ministers of all the States to deliberate upon the solutions regarding prevention of malnutrition among women and children and to ascertain the progress of the POSHAN Abhiyaan;
- (b) If so, the number of such joint meetings held during the last three years, if not, the steps taken to ensure that no women and children remain malnourished in the country;
- (c) Whether the Government maintain data regarding number of malnourished children in Maharashtra including Solapur; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) and (b): Poshan Abhiyaan was launched on 8th March 2018. Anganwadi services, Poshan Abhiyaan and Scheme for Adolescent girls (14-18 years in Aspirational Districts and North-East region) have been subsumed under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0) during the 15th Finance Commission to address the challenge of malnutrition through improved nutrition content and delivery.

Under Mission Poshan 2.0 a strategic shift has been made for reduction in malnutrition and for improved health, wellness and immunity through community engagement, outreach, behavioral change, and advocacy. The scheme focuses on Maternal Nutrition, Infant and Young Child Feeding Norms, treatment of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)/ Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) and wellness through AYUSH practices to reduce wasting, underweight prevalence, stunting and anaemia.

Mission Poshan 2.0 is a universal self-selecting (no entry barriers) scheme available to all the beneficiaries who enroll at the Anganwadi Centers (AWCs) and is being implemented in all States/UTs across the country. This is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, where the responsibility of implementation of scheme lies with the States.

The implementation and progress of all Schemes of the Ministry including Mission Poshan 2.0 is reviewed on a regular basis at Secretary/ Additional Secretary/ Joint Secretary levels through physical meetings and video conferences with States/UTs. Minister, Women and Child Development reviews the progress of schemes with States/UTs from time to time apart from regular field visits. In 2022, the Ministry had organized 8 Zonal meetings and 8 Sub Zonal Meetings to review progress of the Schemes where Women & Child Development Ministers of States/UTs had participated. In 2023, the Ministry had organized review meetings chaired by the Minister, Women and Child Development, Government of India with Women & Child Development Ministers of States/UTs through Video Conference.

(c) and (d): Details of malnourished children in Maharashtra including Solapur are at **Annexure.**

Annexure

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (c) AND (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3066 FOR 09.08.2024 REGARDING “PROGRESS OF POSHAN ABHIYAAN” ASKED BY SHRI BALYA MAMA SURESH GOPINATH MHATRE

The details of malnourished children in the State of Maharashtra including Solapur District as on June 2024 in Poshan Tracker data are as follows:

State/District	Stunting% (0-6 years)	Underweight% (0-6 years)	Wasting% (0-5 years)
Maharashtra	42.5	17.8	4.8
Solapur district	41.2	11.5	3.3
