

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UN-STARRED QUESTION NO: 6600
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2018

POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF STATES UNDER NNM

6600 SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:
DR.SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to adopt policies and best practices of the States which have been successful in reducing malnutrition and improving health conditions for the National Nutrition Mission (NNM) titled POSHAN Abhiyaan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether the Government has set up a Committee to study the policies and practices of the States in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

- (a) & (b): POSHAN *Abhiyaan* under Innovation component, envisages undertaking activities to be implemented intended to improve the service delivery system, capacity building of front line functionaries and community engagement for better nutritional outcomes. The successful pilots may be taken up later-on for scaling up in similar contextual specificities on a broader platform.
- (c) to (e): An Executive Committee has been set up under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development to provide policy support and guidance to States/ UTs under POSHAN *Abhiyaan* from time to time. A National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges has also been set up under the Chairpersonship of Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog for policy direction, review, effective coordination and convergence between Ministries which have a sectoral responsibility for the challenge of nutrition.
