

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3961**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2021

**VEGETABLE CULTIVATION IN ANGANWADI CENTRES**

3961. G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to introduce vegetable cultivation in Anganwadi Centres to provide healthy food for children;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which final decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and
- (d) the extent to which it will be helpful for children?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) A programme to support development of Poshan Vatikas at Anganwadi centres to meet dietary diversity gap by leveraging traditional knowledge in nutritional practices has been taken up. Nutrition gardens can play an important role in providing nutritional security to women and children by ensuring availability and accessibility of locally grown fruits and vegetables that can enhance consumption of micro nutrients to meet the individual's nutritional requirements. It can prove to be a sustainable model for providing food and nutritional security and ensuring dietary diversity to combat malnutrition at the household or community level

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