

**POSHAN Abhiyaan in Nellore district, Andhra Pradesh**

473. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the difference between POSHAN Abhiyaan launched recently and the National Nutrition Mission;

(b) whether it is a fact that Nellore is one of the districts in Andhra Pradesh identified under the Abhiyaan;

(c) the details of important components of Abhiyaan and how they are being implemented in that district; and

(d) the physical targets set and achieved in that district under the Abhiyaan during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR): (a) There is no difference between POSHAN Abhiyaan and the National Nutrition Mission. The National Nutrition Mission has been named as POSHAN Abhiyaan.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The important components of POSHAN Abhiyaan are implementation of ICDS-Common Application Software, Community Mobilization and Behavioral Change Communication, Jan Andolan, Convergence, Capacity Building of Frontline Functionaries, etc. These components are implemented by the States/UTs through AWCs.

(d) The implementation of POSHAN Abhiyaan in Nellore District has been started from Septemeber, 2018. Procurement and distribution of smartphone for AWWs and lady supervisors has been completed. Two modules of Incremental Learning Approach training have been completed. A total of 6,963 community based events have been organized.

**Nutritious food items in Anganwadi Centres**

†474. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an increase in the number of Anganwadi Centres being run by Government;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.