

(equivalent to cooking cost) to all eligible children till such time their schools are closed due to aforesaid pandemic. The modalities for this purpose may be decided by the respective States and UTs, suitable to the prevailing circumstances. States and UTs were further advised that all the precautionary measures to face the situation arising out of COVID-19 should be followed.

(c) Data pertaining to the use of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadi Kendras (PMBJKs) by women during the pandemic is not quantifiable, as the PMBJK doesn't keep records based on caste, creed, gender, economic status, etc. To make these Kendras easily accessible the Government has decided to open 10500 PMBJKs across the country covering all the districts by March 2025. Under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) about 6611 PMBJKs are functional across the country as on 18.09.2020 covering 732 districts. The Department has also launched a mobile application "Janaushadhi Sugam" for facilitating the general public by providing a digital platform for availing host of user-friendly options like - locate nearby PMBJK (direction guided through Google Maps), search janaushadhi medicines, analyse product comparison of Generic vs Branded medicine in the form of MRP & overall Savings, etc.

#### **Fund allocated under POSHAN Abhiyaan in Maharashtra**

1418. SHRIMATI PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allocated / released / utilised under the POSHAN Abhiyaan in all the districts of Maharashtra during the last two years;

(b) whether Government has received proposals to provide balanced diet under the POSHAN Abhiyaan from the districts of Maharashtra;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of action taken with regard to the above mentioned proposals?

THE MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) The amount of funds released and utilised under the POSHAN Abhiyaan in the States of Maharashtra during the last two years are as indicated hereunder:

(₹ in Lakh)

2018-19			2019-20		
Central funds released	Utilization as on 31.03.2019		Central funds released	Utilization as on 31.03.2020	
	Central Share	State Share		Central Share	State Share
20989.28	11557.19	2855.24	33061.47	32037.00	7975.19

(b) to (d) POSHAN Abhiyaan, aims to improve nutritional indicators of women and children by way of leveraging technology, encouraging Jan Bhaagidari and convergence with other Schemes and programmes with similar and supporting objective. The Abhiyaan also aims to improve service delivery under Anganwadi services scheme, *inter-alia*, and ensure enabling environment for better nutritional management, in partnership with all stakeholders. The State of Maharashtra receives periodic allocations for Supplementary Nutrition under the Anganwadi Services Scheme of Government of India.

#### **Increase in domestic violence against women**

1419. SHRIMATI PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Commission for Women has registered more than two fold increase in domestic violence complaints since the nationwide lockdown, the month-wise data for last six months, State-wise;

(b) the action Government would take to have a robust plan and provide adequate budget to support services to survivors and ensure proper implementation of laws against domestic violence; and

(c) the total number of complaints received by the Ministry, State-wise for the last six months and how many complaints were addressed, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (c) From the beginning of lockdown due to Covid 19 pandemic, the National Commission for Women (NCW) launched an Ad campaign through electronic media and social media inviting women who have suffered any kind of