

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2872
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.12.2021

BUDGETARY ALLOCATION ON POSHAN ABHIYAAN

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

- (a) The details of budgetary allocation and expenditure on POSHAN Abhiyaan during the last five years; and
- (b) The number of children, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers who have availed of benefits under the POSHAN Abhiyaan from 2018 to 2020?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a) and (b) POSHAN Abhiyaan was launched on 8th March 2018 with an aim to achieve improvement in nutritional status of Children under 6 years, Adolescent Girls, Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers in a time bound manner by adopting a synergised and result oriented approach. POSHAN Abhiyaan addresses malnutrition issues across the nation through components like ICT Application, Convergence, Community obilization, Behavioural Change & Jan Andolan, Capacity Building, Incentives and Awards, and Innovations.

Mission Poshan 2.0, an integrated nutrition support programme which subsumes Supplementary Nutrition Programme and POSHAN Abhiyaan, has been announced in budget 2021-2022 for all States/UTs to stren

gthen nutritional content, delivery, outreach and outcomes with focus on developing practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity to disease and malnutrition. Steps have also been taken to improve nutritional quality and testing, strengthen delivery and leverage technology under Poshan Tracker a robust ICT enabled platform, to improve governance with regard to real time monitoring and provisioning of supplementary nutrition for prompt supervisions and management of services. The Abhiyaan empowers Anganwadi workers and Lady Supervisors by providing them with smart phones, and as of now the no. of smart phones and Growth Monitoring Devices (comprises of Stadiometer, Infantometer, Weighing Scale for Infant and Mother & Child) procured by States/UTs are 11.03 lakh and 11.94 lakh respectively.

Guidelines were issued for transparency and accountability in delivery of supplementary nutrition and to track nutritional outcomes on 13.01.2021. The details of funds distributed to State Governments since 2017-2018, State-wise and year-wise is at **Annexure I**.

As on 30th June 2021, a total of **9,12,32,915** beneficiaries are availing benefits under POSHAN Abhiyaan as per the ICDS RRS report. The category wise details of beneficiaries is at **Annexure II**.

Annexure I

**The State/UT wise details of central funds released and utilised by States/UTs under POSHAN
Abhiyaan from FY 2017-18 to FY 2020-21**

(in Rs Lakh)

SN	State/UT	Total Central Funds released from FY 2017-18 to FY 2020-21	Total Central Funds utilization as on 31st March 2021
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	936.25	421.44
2	Andhra Pradesh	25363.32	16601.84
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2815.88	708.11
4	Assam	32948.67	18117.52
5	Bihar	49365.6	27823.99
6	Chandigarh	1099.87	513.96
7	Chhattisgarh	12137.21	6505.25
8	Dadra Nagar Haveli&Daman & Diu	1461.01	682.98
9	Delhi	3327.18	2432.58
10	Goa	456.04	222.24
11	Gujarat	29976.16	21769.01
12	Haryana	6808.82	4326
13	Himachal Pradesh	10973.21	7010.78
14	Jammu & Kashmir	9178.53	7912.09
15	Jharkhand	8154.95	5245.93
16	Karnataka	14276.52	11133.42
17	Kerala	10974.73	6696.51
18	Ladakh	164.59	51.41
19	Lakshadweep	427.36	287.27
20	Madhya Pradesh	39398.53	18516.83
21	Maharashtra	58390.84	40154.5
22	Manipur	4389.99	2138.4
23	Meghalaya	5073.39	4979.05
24	Mizoram	2732.96	2575.03
25	Nagaland	5327.67	5239.26
26	Odisha	16358.58	7555.69
27	Puducherry	943.62	264.58
28	Punjab	7346.86	2470.04
29	Rajasthan	23830.57	10349.79
30	Sikkim	1370.99	1276.83
31	Tamil Nadu	25931.46	19476.85
32	Telangana	17906.84	14824.33
33	Tripura	4135.95	3155.13
34	Uttar Pradesh	56968.96	19219.28
35	Uttarakhand	13574.89	7898
36	West Bengal	26751.08	0
Total		531279.08	298555.92

Annexure II

Beneficiaries	Children (6 months- 6 years)	Pregnant Women & Lactating Mothers (P&LM)	Out of School Adolescent Girls (11-14 years)
Total Number	7,36,91,025	1,69,25,928	6,15,962
