

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2071
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2022

INCLUSION OF AYUSH COMPONENT IN RATION PROVIDED BY ANGANWADI CENTERS

2071. SHRI NARHARI AMIN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to add AYUSH component to the ration provided by the Anganwadi centres for the purpose of improving the nutrition level of pregnant women;
- (b) whether the said scheme has been introduced in Gujarat and Karnataka; and
- (c) if so, the details of the outcome of the said scheme in both these States so far?

ANSWER

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

(a) Under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, time-tested traditional wisdom in community nutritional practices is sought to be leveraged through Ayush formulations and simple Ayurveda interventions to improve digestive capacity, absorption of nutrients, address anemia and aid in management of malnutrition for the holistic nourishment of children, pregnant women and lactating mothers.

(b) & (c) In the State of Gujarat, since January 2022, AYUSH component has been introduced in the current micro nutrient-enriched Take Home Ration for pregnant women, lactating mothers and children (6 months to 3 years) on pilot basis in 6 districts (Jamnagar, Devbhumi Dwarka, Dang, Narmada, Bhavnagar and Dahod) .

In order to assess the impact of addition of AYUSH formulations to the Take Home Ration, Government of Gujarat has given the project to Indian Institute of Public Health, Gandhinagar, for a baseline assessment and an end line survey.

Further, as per the information received from the State of Karnataka, AYUSH components have not been introduced to the ration provided by the Anganwadi Centers.
