

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION AT ANGANWADI CENTRES AND MODERNIZATION

949. SMT. SANGEETA YADAV:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that provision for providing pre-school education at Anganwadi Centres is under consideration of the Ministry;
- (b) if so, what are the measures that would need to be ensured before pre-school education can be imparted at the Anganwadi Centres; and
- (c) the efforts made by Government to equip Anganwadi Centres with digital network?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): One of the services out of the package of services that are provided under the Anganwadi Services Scheme in an integrated manner to eligible beneficiaries is pre-school non-formal education. Early Childhood Care and Education covers provision for pre-school learning material for cognitive, emotional, social and intellectual development of the child; development of muscular coordination and basic motor skills; aesthetic appreciation, independence and creativity and inculcation of good healthy habits to make all pre-schoolers school ready.

(c) The Ministry has conceptualized a digital platform "Poshan Tracker", which was rolled out on 1st March 2021. The POSHAN Tracker will enable real-time monitoring and tracking of all AWCs, AWWs and beneficiaries on defined indicators. Poshan Tracker is being leveraged for dynamic identification of stunting, wasting, under-weight prevalence among children and last mile tracking of nutrition service delivery. Approximately 85% of beneficiaries have been Aadhar verified to ensure last mile tracking and delivery of services.

Poshan Tracker will help Mission Poshan 2.0 in generating data, providing feedback to Program Managers and documenting the impact of scheme on nutrition indicators. The Ministry/ states/ Districts would be able to make effective timely interventions, based on the data from tracker. As on 31st March 2022, the ICT application has been rolled out across 12.65 lakh Anganwadi Centres covering approximately 10.88 crore beneficiaries.
