

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2276**  
ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023

**Including millets in PM-POSHAN**

2276 **SHRI LAHAR SINGH SIROYA:**  
**SHRI VIVEK THAKUR:**

Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government would consider including Millets or Shree Anna (coarse grains) based diet in the central flagship PM-POSHAN (Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman) Scheme; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) & (b): Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) Scheme is one of the foremost rights based Centrally Sponsored Schemes implemented in partnership with the States and UTs. The overall responsibilities for providing cooked and nutritious meal to the eligible children lies with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The States and UTs fix their menu as per their local needs, in order to meet the prescribed nutritional content.

All State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have been advised to explore the possibility of introducing millets (Shree Anna) based recipe at least once in a week under PM POSHAN Scheme. It is suggested to conduct cooking competitions among cook-cum-helpers to popularize millet based recipes. Further, States/UTs have been encouraged to take up activities to increase awareness about millets. All the States/UTs were advised to include requirement of millets in their Annual Work Plan & Budget for the year 2023-24.

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