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MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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ANGANWADI CENTRES

1120. SMT. SUMITRA BALMIK:

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

- (a) the services being provided in Anganwadi centers for wellbeing and nutritional needs of pregnant women and children of the age 0-6 years;
- (b) the types of basic medical equipment, medicines and nutritional supplements made available at these centers; and
- (c) whether data generated at these centers such as those on pregnant women, child birth, prevalent diseases, etc being maintained digitally?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) In the 15th Finance Commission, components of nutritional support for children below the age of 6 years, pregnant women and lactating mother, Adolescent Girls; Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) [3-6 years]; Anganwadi infrastructure including modern, upgraded Saksham Anganwadi have been reorganised under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 for effective implementation of the scheme and for better nutritional delivery to end beneficiaries. Under the Scheme following six services are provided through the platform of Anganwadi Centres to the eligible beneficiaries:

- i. Supplementary Nutrition (SNP)
- ii. Pre-school Non-formal Education,
- iii. Nutrition & Health Education,
- iv. Immunization,
- v. Health Check-up, and
- vi. Referral Services

Three of the six services, viz., Immunization, Health check-up and Referral Services are related to health and are provided through National Health Mission (NHM) & Public Health Infrastructure.

As informed by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHF&W), routine immunization session is held in Anganwadi centers on designated days for all eligible beneficiaries.

Village Health, Sanitation, and Nutrition Day (VHSND) is a convergent outreach activity conducted monthly at Anganwadi centers (AWCs) to provide following healthcare services for the well-being of all Pregnant Women and lactating mothers:

- History taking & Antenatal checkups, confirmation of pregnancy and issuing of Mother and Child Protection Card (MCP Card) and Safe motherhood booklet. Ensuring at least 4 ANC services and one PMSMA visit during the pregnancy period.
- Physical examination, Weight & Height, Respiratory rate, Pallor, Oedema (swelling), Blood Pressure (BP) measurement, Per Abdomen examination, Breast Examination, Fetal Heart Rate, Screening for Oral hygiene, and obvious symptoms of Mental illness.
- Laboratory and other investigations, Haemoglobin estimation, Urine for albumin and sugar, Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM) screening, Blood Group including Rh factor, HIV, Syphilis & Hepatitis B screening etc.
- Supplementation, Folic Acid, Iron and Folic Acid (IFA) and Calcium-Vitamin D3 tablets as per the ANC month. Iron and Folic Acid (IFA) and Calcium-Vitamin D3 tablets for six months after delivery.
- Immunization for tetanus-diphtheria (Td).
- Deworming with Albendazole tablet.
- Identification and Referral of High-Risk Pregnancy (HRP) to the facility (immediately) or on Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) day.
- Counselling during ANC including on Trimester wise changes, Planning and preparing for birth (birth preparedness), Recognizing and preparing for danger signs (complication readiness), Diet & rest, early initiation of breast feeding and Family planning etc.

(b) Nutritional support through SNP is one of the integral components of Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, under which supplementary nutrition is provided to children (6 months to 6 years), pregnant women and lactating mothers (PWLM) and Adolescent Girls (14 to 18 years). Supplementary nutrition is provided to all registered beneficiaries for a maximum of 300 days in a calendar year as per prescribed nutritional norms. All pregnant women and lactating mothers (PW&LM), children in the age group of 6-36 months, Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) children and adolescent girls in the age group of 14-18 years (wherever applicable) are entitled to receive Take Home Ration (THR) and Children in the age group of 3-6 years are entitled to receive Hot Cooked Meal (HCM) and Morning Snacks under the Anganwadi Services from the AWC where they are registered.

As informed by MoHF&W, the supplies and logistics for Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Days (VHSNDs) for Pregnant Women are as under:

- Supplies including Nishchay Kit/Pregnancy Testing Kit, 75gm glucose for GDM screening, Urine testing kit/uristix strips, HIV & Syphilis point of care kits, Hepatitis B point of care kits, Hemoglobinometer and strips, Glucometer, Syringes as per need etc.
- Instruments, Equipment, and Furniture including, Blood Pressure (BP) apparatus, Stethoscope, Examination table, Stepping stool for to climb on examinational table, Measuring tape, weighing scale, Fetoscope, and Portable screen for privacy etc.

(c) Under Mission Saksham Angnwadi and Poshan 2.0, Poshan Tracker Application is being used to report data on various nutrition indicators such as registration of beneficiaries, delivery of Take Home Ration (THR – not raw ration) and Hot Cooked Meal (HCM) to all beneficiaries including pregnant women and children, updating growth (height and weight) of children and monitoring nutritional indicators (such as stunting, wasting and underweight) of children.

Poshan Tracker application captures various details of women such as Gestational weight gain, ANC, vaccinations.

As per June, 2024 data on Poshan Tracker, around 10.26 crore beneficiaries are registered which include 69 lakh Pregnant women, 43.2 lakh lactating mothers, 22.38 lakh Adolescent Girls and 8.91 crore children below 6 years of age.

As informed by MoHF&W, the data of the services provided to Pregnant Women during the VHSNDs conducted at Anganwadi Centers is maintained digitally in the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Portal and Health Management Information System (HMIS) of the MoHFW.
