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Under Saksham Anganwadi and Mission Poshan 2.0, IT systems have been leveraged to strengthen and bring about transparency in nutrition delivery support systems at the Anganwadi Centres (AWCs). The 'Poshan Tracker' application was rolled out on 1st March 2021 as an important governance tool under the Mission.

The Poshan Tracker facilitates monitoring and tracking of all AWCs, Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and beneficiaries on defined indicators. Technology under Poshan Tracker is being leveraged for dynamic identification of stunting, wasting, under-weight prevalence among children. It has facilitated near real time data collection for Anganwadi Services such as, opening and closing of AWCs, daily attendance of children, growth monitoring of children, Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) activities, Delivery of Hot Cooked Meal (HCM)/Take Home Ration (THR-not raw ration), Growth Measurement etc. The App also offers counselling videos on key behaviours and services which help disseminate messages on birth preparedness, delivery of child, post-natal care, breastfeeding and complementary feeding. Regular field level trainings/workshops are conducted directly for AWWs regarding use of the Poshan Tracker Application. Poshan Tracker also features self-learning videos for AWWs, enabling continuous capacity building and on-the-job learning through digital modules.

Further, for last mile tracking of Service Delivery, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) has developed Facial Recognition System (FRS) in Poshan Tracker Application for distribution of Take-Home Ration to ensure that benefit is given only to the intended beneficiary registered in Poshan Tracker.

Under the Mission, AWWs have been provided with smartphones procured by States/UTs on a cost sharing basis for data entry and use of Poshan Tracker application. All AWWs, supervisors and block coordinators are provided with internet connectivity charges at the rate of Rs. 2000 per annum per AWC.

Block and District Coordinators provide on-ground handholding support to AWWs for effective usage of the Poshan Tracker and resolution of technical glitches. Besides this, the States/UTs have also been advised to discontinue the use of physical registers.

Various Data Protection Safeguards related to privacy exist in Poshan Tracker. Some of the data protection safeguards are mentioned below:

- The Poshan Tracker application is typically used by Anganwadi Workers, and it is not open to the public or any unauthorized party. Access is role-based, logged and monitored to prevent misuse.
- Further, the application's internal database is encrypted, preventing access to sensitive information outside the app environment
- The data of the beneficiary, which is collected, is subject to all existing data protection protocols, which mandates purpose limitation, informed consent, and access restrictions.
- All requests and responses related to Face Verification are encrypted during transit, ensuring data is protected from interception or tampering.
- No images or data are stored permanently on the device. As a precautionary measure, all cached or temporary data is wiped automatically when the AWW logs out of the application.
- The private data is not publicly accessible; it is only available to authorized personnel solely for verification purposes.
- Face images are handled in encoded format within the app to ensure safe processing and transmission.

Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Mission Poshan 2.0 is a Centrally Sponsored mission, where the responsibility for implementation of various activities lies with the States and UTs. This mission is a **universal self-selecting umbrella scheme** where there are **no entry barriers for any beneficiary to register and receive services**.

The Ministry through Savitri Bai Phule National Institute of Women and Child Development has provided training to different stakeholders for using Poshan Tracker Application and Dashboard. Under the Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi (PBPB) initiative, the Ministry is imparting training to all the officials and field functionaries in the States/ UTs through a cascading model of training, wherein Master Trainers (namely, District Officers, Block Coordinators and Supervisors) are trained and the master trainers further train all Anganwadi Workers in the field. As on 30th November 2025, 8,95,814 AWWs have been trained across the country.

Grievance Redressal Mechanism is an integral part of Poshan 2.0. Anganwadi Workers can submit their grievances on Poshan Tracker Application and Dashboard as well. Besides this, Poshan Helpline (1515), operationalized since November 2022 for registering grievances of AWWs. Through the helpline, a worker can raise the issues being faced related to the application. The helpline is available in 17 languages.

This information was given by Minister of State for Women and Child Development Smt. Savitri Thakur in reply to a question in Lok Sabha today.

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