

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

**LOK SABHA
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MALNUTRITION AND ANAEMIA AMONG CHILDREN

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

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the prevalence of child malnutrition and anaemia under Poshan Abhiyan, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the latest National Family Health Survey/departmental data indicate improvements in nutritional indicators, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds released and beneficiaries covered under Poshan scheme, State-wise, including Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) the details of the measures proposed to eliminate child malnutrition and improve maternal health outcomes in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (d): The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) has launched 'Poshan Tracker' digital application, an ICT based tool, for monitoring and reviewing the nutrition outcomes; stunting, wasting, under-weight prevalence among children under 5 years of age and other services under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0). The State wise information on these nutrition indicators and beneficiary coverage under the Mission is available at the Poshan Tracker public dashboard: <https://www.poshantracker.in/statistics>.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) conducts various rounds of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) every few years which have shown improvement in malnutrition indicators in children across the country. Details of these indicators for children under 5 years of age from latest NFHS-6 and Poshan Tracker are given below:

NFHS Survey	Stunting %	Underweight %	Wasting %
NFHS-6 (2023-24)	29.3	31.8	19.0
Poshan Tracker (June 2026)	29.3	11.91	3.88

MoHFW also keeps record of data of children suffering from anaemia. As per NFHS-5 (2019-21) the prevalence of anaemia is 67.1 percent in children aged 6-59 months.

The state-wise details of funds released in financial year 2025-26 under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 are placed at Annexure I.

Under the Mission Poshan 2.0, significant measures have been taken by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) to improve nutritional outcomes:

- Supplementary Nutrition in form of Hot cooked meal (HCM) and Take Home Ration (THR) is provided to Children (6 months to 6 years), Pregnant Women, Lactating Mothers and Adolescent Girls in accordance with the nutrition norms contained in Schedule-II of the National Food Security Act, 2013. Additional Nutrition is also provided to Severely Acute Malnourished (SAM) children in form of Take-Home Ration (THR).
- One of the major activities undertaken is Community Mobilization and Awareness Advocacy in the form of Jan Andolans (Poshan Maah and Poshan Pakhwada celebrated in the months of September and March-April respectively) to educate people on nutritional aspects as adoption of good nutrition habit requires sustained efforts for behavioural change.
- Ministry of Women & Child Development and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare have jointly released the Protocol for Management of Malnutrition in Children to prevent and treat severely acute malnutrition in children and for reducing associated morbidity and mortality.
- To encourage diet-diversity and consumption of wholesome local produce, Poshan Vatikas have been developed at Anganwadi Centres (AWCs).

National Health Mission (NHM), MoHFW provides support for the implementation of various schemes/initiatives to improve maternal health outcomes among pregnant women across the country which are as follows:

- Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) is a demand promotion and conditional cash transfer scheme for promoting institutional delivery.
- Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK) entitles all pregnant woman delivering in public health institutions to have absolutely free and no expense delivery, including

caesarean section. The entitlements include free drugs, consumables, free diet during stay, free diagnostics, free transportation and free blood transfusion, if required.

- Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) provides pregnant women a fixed day, free of cost, assured and quality antenatal check up by a Specialist/Medical Officer on the 9th day of every month.
- Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan (SUMAN) aims to provide assured, dignified, respectful and quality healthcare at no cost and zero tolerance for denial of services for every woman and newborn visiting the public health facility to end all preventable maternal and newborn deaths.
- Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Day (VHSND) is a monthly outreach activity at Anganwadi centers for provision of maternal and childcare including nutrition in convergence with the ICDS.
- Outreach camps are provisioned to improve the reach of health care services, especially in tribal and hard-to-reach areas. This platform is used to increase awareness for Maternal and child health services, community mobilization as well as to track high-risk pregnancies.
- Mother and Child Protection (MCP) card and Safe Motherhood Booklet are distributed to the pregnant women for educating them on diet, rest, danger signs of pregnancy, benefit schemes and institutional deliveries.
- Regular IEC/BCC is also a part of all the schemes for greater demand generation. Health and nutrition education through mass and social media is also promoted to improve healthy practices and to generate demand for service uptake.
- Strengthening of infrastructure including First Referral Units (FRUs), Maternal and Child Health (MCH) wings, Obstetric High Dependency Units & Intensive Care Units (Obst. HDU & ICU), Birth Waiting Homes (BWHs) in difficult terrain, remote and tribal areas to improve access to healthcare facilities and promote institutional delivery.

Annexure I**THE STATE-WISE DETAILS OF FUNDS RELEASED IN FINANCIAL YEAR 2025-26
UNDER MISSION SAKSHAM ANGANWADI AND POSHAN 2.0 ARE GIVEN BELOW:**

Rs. in crores

S. No	Name of the State and UT	Funds released (2025-26)
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	8.1
2	Andhra Pradesh	759.76
3	Arunachal Pradesh	118.5
4	Assam	1548.67
5	Bihar	905.43
6	Chandigarh	9.87
7	Chhattisgarh	518.22
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	5.92
9	Delhi	150.21
10	Goa	19.74
11	Gujarat	699.13
12	Haryana	67.12
13	Himachal Pradesh	328.59
14	Jammu & Kashmir	401.62
15	Jharkhand	429.26
16	Karnataka	863.64
17	Kerala	283.81

18	Ladakh	16.41
19	Lakshadweep	0.82
20	Madhya Pradesh	937.45
21	Maharashtra	1405.45
22	Manipur	199.99
23	Meghalaya	182.04
24	Mizoram	52.69
25	Nagaland	146.29
26	Odisha	911.27
27	Puducherry	4.02
28	Punjab	190.73
29	Rajasthan	843.51
30	Sikkim	18.21
31	Tamil Nadu	636.6
32	Telangana	209.2
33	Tripura	154.73
34	Uttar Pradesh	2145.42
35	Uttarakhand	271.05
36	West Bengal	1333.9
