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MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2024

ICDS SCHEME IN UTTARAKHAND

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Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has observed any significant improvement in the implementation of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme in Uttarakhand;
- (b) if so, the present status of Anganwadi centres and the Child Development Projects in Uttarakhand; and
- (c) the future plans of the Government to further strengthen services under the said scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (c): During the 15th Finance Commission (FC) period, various components such as nutritional support for children from 6 months to the age of 6 years, pregnant women and lactating mothers and Adolescent Girls, Early Childhood Care and Education of children (3-6 years) and Anganwadi infrastructure including modern, upgraded Saksham Anganwadi have been reorganised under an umbrella Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0). This Mission seeks to address the challenge of malnutrition through improved nutrition content and delivery. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, where the responsibility of implementation lies with the States/UTs.

Under this Mission, a new strategy has been made for reduction in malnutrition and for improved health, wellness and immunity through activities like community engagement, outreach, behavioral change, and advocacy. It focuses on Maternal Nutrition, Infant and Young Child Feeding Norms, treatment of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)/ Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) and wellness through AYUSH practices.

Details of the registered beneficiaries under various categories for the State of Uttarakhand under Mission Poshan 2.0 as per Poshan tracker is as under (As on 09.12.2024):

Children up to 6 years	Adolescent Girls	Lactating Mothers	Pregnant Women
605347	74116	53599	57576

The prevalence of stunting, wasting and underweight among children under five years of age as per National Family Health Survey (NFHS) for the State of Uttarakhand is as under:

Stunting (%)		Wasting (%)		Underweight (%)	
NHFS 4 (2015-16)	NHFS 5 (2019-21)	NHFS 4 (2015-16)	NHFS 5 (2019-21)	NHFS 4 (2015-16)	NHFS 5 (2019-21)
33.5	27	19.5	13.2	26.6	21

A total of 105 Projects have been sanctioned under the Mission and all are operational in the State of Uttarakhand. Also, a total of 20069 Anganwadi centres have been sanctioned for the State of Uttarakhand out of which 20062 are operational.

Under Mission Poshan 2.0, 2 lakh Anganwadi Centres @ 40,000 AWCs per year are to be upgraded as Saksham Anganwadis for improved nutrition delivery and for early childhood care and development under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0. Saksham Anganwadis are equipped with infrastructure better than the conventional Anganwadi Centres by providing LED screens, water purifier/installation of RO Machine, Poshan Vatika, ECCE and BALA Paintings. 827 Anganwadi Centres have been approved for upgradation to Saksham Anganwadi in the State of Uttarakhand and Rs.744 Lakh have been allocated for this purpose. 350 AWCs have been upgraded to Saksham Anganwadi in the State of Uttarakhand.

This Ministry continuously monitors the implementation of Mission 2.0 through sustained engagement with the States/UTs through Video Conferences, meetings and through Online Poshan Tracker System.

Under this Mission, Supplementary Nutrition is provided to Children (6 months to 6 years), Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers and Adolescent Girls to beat the intergenerational cycle of malnutrition by adopting a life cycle approach.

Fortified rice is being supplied to AWCs to meet the requirement of micro-nutrients and to control anaemia among women and children.

Government of India launched Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi (PBPB) initiative on 10th May, 2023 for upgrading skills of all anganwadi workers to strengthen their capacity to provide early childhood care and education and nutrition service to children below six years of age, including divyang children.

Ministry has issued guidelines to all States/UTs on 13.01.2021 to streamline several aspects such as quality assurance, roles and responsibilities of duty holders, procedure for procurement, integrating AYUSH concepts and data management and monitoring through “Poshan Tracker” for transparency, efficiency and accountability in the delivery of Supplementary Nutrition.

Some of the benefits of Poshan Tracker are as follows:

- I. All the beneficiaries registered in Poshan Tracker are authenticated through Aadhar verification.
- II. All the beneficiaries upon registration in Poshan Tracker are informed, through SMS, about the services which can be availed by them through Anganwadi Platform, thereby creating ownership of citizens,
- III. Further, on delivery of THR, SMS alerts along with Poshan Helpline details are being sent on the registered mobile number of beneficiaries. If beneficiary does not receive THR, she/he can raise the complaint on Poshan Helpline.
- IV. The Physical Records of Growth Monitoring have been replaced by auto generated monthly report in Poshan Tracker. These reports can be downloaded and used in the review meeting by the supervisors.
- V. IEC material on relevant topics is made available digitally on Poshan Tracker thereby eliminating the need of carrying bulky IEC material.
- VI. All the home visits are now auto scheduled in Poshan Tracker for which she also receives reminders. Report on completed and pending Home Visit is available in Poshan Tracker.
- VII. With “Poshan Tracker”, real time data on malnutrition indicators is available every month. As compared to NFHS (sample size of approx. 6.1 lakh households), Poshan Tracker consistently measures approx. 8 crore children each month revealing the real time nutritional status of beneficiaries.
- VIII. Poshan Tracker has the provision for auto calculation of eligibility for the incentives for Anganwadi Worker and Helper based on their performance in Growth Monitoring, Home Visits and opening of AWCs.
- IX. A new report has been added in Poshan Tracker in the form of Fact sheet. Poshan Tracker generates various reports such as Growth monitoring, Anganwadi centres open, attendance of children each day, infrastructure details at AWC etc. These reports are available at all the levels including, supervisors, CDPO and DPOs which resulted into improved administrative supervision and effective implementation of the scheme including targeted approach for malnourished children
