

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3579
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2025

POSHAN VATIKA

3579. DR. RAJEEV BHARADWAJ:

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

- (a) the details of the objectives of setting up of Poshan Vatika;
- (b) the details of the process of running Poshan Vatika;
- (c) whether any joint programme has been prepared in collaborator with the Ministry of AYUSH for setting up Poshan Vatikas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR)

(a) to (d) As per Scheme Guidelines for Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0), the objective of setting up Poshan Vatikas is to meet the important gaps in diversity of diets by providing different green vegetables, fruits, nuts, herbs/medicinal herbs and vegetables round the year. Poshan Vatika also helps in introducing healthy eating practices and promote diet diversity to address malnutrition.

These can be set up in space in Anganwadi Centers (AWCs), Panchayat areas, vacant lands of village or any other patch of community/government land available in the locality etc. These Poshan Vatikas also act as a demonstration activity site for children to enhance their knowledge on plants and their growth process. The process of running of Poshan Vatika has been left to States/UTs to devise guidelines for the management and distribution suitable to the local conditions.

Under this mission, District Nutrition Committee headed by District Collector has been mandated to oversee the sustainable development of Poshan Vatikas in convergence with the local Department of Forest, Agriculture, Horticulture, PRIs, Rural Development and AYUSH.

During Poshan Pakhwada 2021, in collaboration with M/o Ayush, 1.10 lakh medicinal plants were planted in 21 districts in 6 States of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Mizoram.
