

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3587
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2025

FUND FOR SAKSHAM ANGANWADI AND POSHAN ABHIYAN

3587. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

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

- (a) whether it is true that Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN Abhiyan and Scheme for Adolescent Girls have been reorganized into three primary verticals, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is true that funds released to the State of Andhra Pradesh have been reduced from Rs. 825 crores in 2019-20 to Rs. 705 crores in 2023-24 under the Mission Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0;
- (c) if so, the reasons for decreasing in the release of funds to the State;
- (d) the details of funds allocated and releases from the year 2019-20 to February, 2025 for above two programmes in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise; and
- (e) the details of objectives set by the Government and achieved during the said period?

ANSWER

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

(a) Under the 15th Finance Commission to address the challenge of malnutrition various components like Anganwadi services, Poshan Abhiyan and Scheme for Adolescent girls have been subsumed under the umbrella Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0) into the three primary verticals as given below:

(i) Nutrition Support for POSHAN through Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) for children of the age group of 06 months to 6 years, pregnant women and lactating mothers (PWLM); and for Adolescent Girls in the age group of 14 to 18 years in Aspirational Districts and North Eastern Region (NER);

(ii) Early Childhood Care and Education [3-6 years] and early stimulation for (0-3 years);

(iii) Anganwadi Infrastructure including modern, upgraded Saksham Anganwadi;

(b) to (d) Funds under the Mission Poshan 2.0 are allocated to States/UTs based on the Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) proposals received from the respective State Governments during APIP meetings and as per schematic norms. However, the actual funds are released in a financial year after adjusting the unspent balance available with the State Government and excess expenditure incurred by the State as well as compliance of Single Nodal Agency (SNA) norms. The details of funds allocated/released to the State of Andhra Pradesh under Mission Poshan 2.0 from FY 2019-20 to Feb, 2025 is as under:

(Rs in crores)

2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25 (as on 28.02.2025)
825.24	701.82	744.60	827.79	705.68	521.79

(e) The objectives of Mission Poshan 2.0 are as follows:

- To contribute to human capital development of the country;
- Address challenges of malnutrition;
- Promote nutrition awareness and good eating habits for sustainable health and wellbeing; and
- Address nutrition related deficiencies through key strategies.

Under Mission Poshan 2.0 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 to reduce prevalence of wasting, stunting, anemia and being underweight. The malnutrition status in children NFHS-5 (2019-21) and January 2025 (from Poshan Tracker) is as follows:

NFHS and Poshan Tracker	Stunting%	Underweight%	Wasting%
NFHS-5 (2019-21)*	35.5	32.1	19.3
Poshan Tracker (Jan 2025)*	39.61	16.95	5.43

Age of children (0-5 years)

The achievements recorded in the NFHS during the last five years are as under: -

Maternal Health Indicators	NFHS 4	NFHS 5
Mothers who had an antenatal check-up in the first trimester (%)	58.6	70.0
Institutional births	78.9	88.6
Births attended by skilled health personnel (doctor/ nurse/ LHV/ ANM/ other health personnel (%)	81.4	89.4
Mothers who received postnatal care from a doctor/ nurse/ LHV/ ANM/ midwife/ other health personnel within 2 days of delivery (%)	62.4	81.7
