

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1264
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2021

CONCERNS OVER POSHAN ABHIYAAN APP

1264 SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the new Poshan Abhiyaan tracker app has caused severe distress amongst Anganwadi Workers in the country who have not been provided any mobile phones or money for recharge of internet packages by Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for making it compulsory to download this app;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that many Anganwadi Workers in Punjab have not been paid their dues and incentives since March, 2018; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b) Poshan Tracker management application provides a 360-degree view of the activities of the Anganwadi Centre (AWC), service deliveries of Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and complete beneficiary management for pregnant women, lactating mothers and children. Simultaneously, the mobile application also digitizes and automates physical registers used by AWWs that helps improving their quality of work.

Poshan Tracker application has been built on latest technology for ensuring real time monitoring of provisioning supplementary nutrition for improving nutritional status of beneficiaries and for prompt supervision and management of services.

It aims at empowering the AWWs with the provision of Smartphones procured through Government e-Market (GeM) for efficient service delivery. States/UTs are advised to introduce transparent processes for procurement of mobile phones as per GFR and vigilance guidelines. A total of 8.66 lakhs Smartphones have been procured by 32 States/UTs. Further, each AWW and Lady Supervisor (LS) have also been provided ₹200/- per month for recharging of smart phones. To encourage AWWs and AWHs an incentive of ₹500/- and ₹250/- respectively is being paid on the basis of their monthly performance.

(c) & (d). The details of funds released to the state of Punjab and the fund utilised by the State under Anganwadi services scheme and POSHAN Abhiyaan is **Annexed**.

Statement referred to in reply to Part (c & d) of Rajya Sabha Un-Starred Question No.1264 for 29.07.2021 by Shri Sanjay Singh about Concerns over Poshan Abhiyaan app

Details of Funds released to the state of Punjab and the fund utilized under Anganwadi Services

		(Rupees in Lakhs)			
Sl. No.	Financial Year	Status of fund released to Punjab			
		SNP		GENERAL	
		Funds released	Funds Utilized	Funds released	Funds Utilized
1	2017-18	5282.25	808.74	13998.21	8816
2	2018-19	3744.1	5327.15	13411.95	13877.81
3	2019-20	5346.54	3517.45	13993.14	13993.14
4	2020-21	4341.15*	N/A	12687.89*	N/A

SNP- Supplementary Nutrition Programme

N/A-Not available (UC/SoE awaited from State Government) *till 1st quarter of 2020-21

Details of Funds released to the state of Punjab and the fund utilized under POSHAN Abhiyaan

State	Central Funds released in 2017-18 (in lakhs)	Central Funds released in 2018-19 (in lakhs)	Central Funds released in 2019-20 (in lakhs)	Central Funds released in 2020-21 (in lakhs)	Total Central Funds utilization as on 31st March 2021 (in lakhs)	% Utilized
Punjab	819.51	6090.33	0*	0*	2470.04	35.75

* Against all the funds released to Punjab under POSHAN Abhiyaan, State has utilized only 35.75% as on 31st March, 2021, and the remaining 64.25% that values to ₹4,439.8 lakhs is available with the State