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Ministry of Women and Child Development

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Government is implementing the POSHAN Abhiyaan since 18th December, 2017 to address the problem of malnutrition in the country. The goal of POSHAN Abhiyaan is to achieve improvement in nutritional status of Children (0-6 years) and Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers (PW&LM) in a time bound manner in three years period beginning 2017-18 with fixed targets as under:

S.No	Objective	Target
1.	Prevent and reduce Stunting in children (0- 6 years)	By 6% @ 2% p.a.
2.	Prevent and reduce under-nutrition (underweight prevalence) in children (0-6 years)	By 6% @ 2% p.a.
3.	Reduce the prevalence of anemia among young Children(6-59 months)	By 9% @ 3% p.a.
4.	Reduce the prevalence of anemia among Women and Adolescent Girls in the age group of 15-49 years.	By 9% @ 3% p.a.
5.	Reduce Low Birth Weight (LBW).	By 6% @ 2% p.a.

The results of the POSHAN Abhiyaan may be known after the programme has completed its approved period. However, as per the report of Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey (CNNS) conducted by UNICEF, prevalence of stunting, wasting and underweight among children is 34.7%, 17% and 33.4% respectively, which is an improvement and reduction from the levels reported in National Family Health Survey-4.

Fund allocation under POSHAN Abhiyaanis 950.00 crore, 3061.30 crore and 3400.00 crore in year 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 respectively.

All districts of the country are covered in the POSHAN Abhiyaan.

This information was given by the Minister of Women and Child Development, Smriti Zubin Irani, in a written reply in the Lok Sabha today.

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