GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.109
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2021

MALNUTRITION IN THE COUNTRY

109. SMT. PHULO DEVI NETAM:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that 16 States reported an increase in underweight children and 12 States reported severely wasted children according to the National Family Health Survey-5 Phase 1 report;
(b) if so, the reasons for Mission Poshan 2.0 targeting only 112 aspirational districts while under nutrition and malnutrition related issues are not limited to only these districts;
(c) whether Government is aware that there is a 18.5 per cent reduction in the budget for Mission Poshan 2.0 in 2021-22 compared to the budget in 2020-21 for erstwhile schemes which it merged; and
(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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Statement referred to in reply to Part (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No.109 for 29.07.2021 by Smt. Phulo Devi Netam regarding Malnutrition in the country.

(a) The data on nutrition indicators is captured under the National Family Health Surveys conducted periodically by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The NFHS-4 was conducted in 2015-16 and NFHS-5 was conducted in 2019-20. State/UT wise details of stunting, wasting and underweight among children under 5 years, as per NFHS-4 and NFHS-5 is at **Annexure I**. The recently released report of NFHS-5 is available only for 22 States/UTs.

A drastic change in the status of child nutrition indicators like severely wasted and stunting, which are chronic in nature, is unlikely to happen in short interval of time. As reported under NFHS-5, nutritional status has improved in many States despite the short interval of four years between the survey rounds. Furthermore, all the NFHS-5 point estimates for the nutritional indicators fall within the confidence interval and for most states no significant change is witnessed.

(b) POSHAN Abhiyaan was launched on 8th March, 2018 **across the country** with an objective to reduce malnutrition and achieve improvement in nutritional status of Children from 0-6 years, Adolescent Girls, Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers in a time bound manner.

Mission Poshan 2.0 (Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0) announced in budget 2021-2022 is an integrated nutrition support programme, to strengthen nutritional content, delivery, outreach and outcomes with focus on developing practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity to disease and malnutrition. Mission Poshan 2.0 has been approved for 5 years (2021-22 to 2025-26) and realigns nutrition centric sub-schemes namely Anganwadi Services (Supplementary Nutrition Programme - SNP), Scheme for Adolescent Girls, and POSHAN Abhiyaan.

Mission Poshan 2.0 will target beneficiaries including pregnant women and lactating mothers, children in the age group of 0-6 years across all States/UTs and adolescent girls in the age group of 14-18 years in Aspirational Districts and NER.

(c) & (d**)** For the year 2020-21, the Budget allocation for the Schemes comprising Anganwadi Services, POSHAN Abhiyan and Scheme for Adolescent Girls was ₹24,482 crore and the Revised Budget allocation was ₹17902.31 crore. ln 2021-22, after rationalization, these three schemes have been clubbed and named as 'Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0' having budgetary provision of ₹20,105 crore which is 12.3% more than the Revised Budget allocation of ₹17902.31 crore. Further, the expenditure of funds in respect of above three schemes was ₹16233.35 crore which clearly indicates that adequate funds were available to meet the demands of the States/UTs. In order to ensure proper and effective utilisation of funds under Mission Poshan 2.0, a robust ICT enabled platform named Poshan Tracker has been designed to capture real time data on implementation and monitoring of Anganwadi Services across the country. Additional funds, if required, would be sought at R.E stage for the year 2021-22 from the Ministry of Finance.

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Annexure I

Statement referred to in reply to Part (a) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No.109 for 29.07.2021 by Smt. Phulo Devi Netam regarding Malnutrition in the country.

Stunting, Wasting and Underweight (NFHS-4 and NFHS-5)

S.No.	State/UT	Stunting		Wasting		Underweight	
		NFHS-4	NFHS-5	NFHS-4	NFHS-5	NFHS-4	NFHS-5
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	23.3	22.5	18.9	16	21.6	23.7
2	Andhra Pradesh	31.4	31.2	17.2	16.1	31.9	29.6
3	Assam	36.4	35.3	17	21.7	29.8	32.8
4	Bihar	48.3	42.9	20.8	22.9	43.9	41
5	Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	37.2	39.4	26.7	21.6	35.8	38.7
6	Goa	20.1	25.8	21.9	19.1	23.8	24
7	Gujarat	38.5	39	26.4	25.1	39.3	39.7
8	Himachal Pradesh	26.3	30.8	13.7	17.4	21.2	25.5
9	Jammu & Kashmir	27.4	26.9	12.2	19	16.6	21
10	Karnataka	36.2	35.4	26.1	19.5	35.2	32.9
11	Kerala	19.7	23.4	15.7	15.8	16.1	19.7
12	Lakshadweep	30.9	30.5	9.3	17.5	18.7	20.4
13	Ladakh	26.8	32	13.7	17.4	23.6	25.8
14	Maharashtra	34.4	35.2	25.6	25.6	36	36.1
15	Meghalaya	28.9	23.4	6.8	9.9	13.8	13.3
16	Manipur	43.8	46.5	15.3	12.1	28.9	26.6
17	Mizoram	28.1	28.9	6.1	9.8	12	12.7
18	Nagaland	28.6	32.7	11.3	19.1	16.7	26.9
19	Sikkim	29.6	22.3	14.2	13.7	14.2	13.1
20	Telangana	28	33.1	18.1	21.7	28.4	31.8
21	Tripura	24.3	32.3	16.8	18.2	24.1	25.6
22	West Bengal	32.5	33.8	20.3	20.3	31.6	32.2
23	Arunachal Pradesh	29.4	-	17.3	-	19.4	-
24	Chandigarh	28.7	-	10.9	-	24.5	-
25	Chhattisgarh	37.6	-	23.1	-	37.7	-
26	Delhi	31.9	-	15.9	-	27	-
27	Haryana	34	-	21.2	-	29.4	-
28	Jharkhand	45.3	-	29	-	47.8	-
29	Madhya Pradesh	42	-	25.8	-	42.8	-
30	Orissa	34.1	-	20.4	-	34.4	-
31	Puducherry	24	-	23.8	-	22.7	-
32	Punjab	25.7	-	15.6	-	21.6	-
33	Rajasthan	39.1	-	23	-	36.7	-
34	Tamil Nadu	27.1	-	19.7	-	23.8	-
35	Uttar Pradesh	46.3	-	17.9	-	39.5	-
36	Uttarakhand	33.5	-	19.5	-	26.6	-