GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3189
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2022

"DEATHS OF CHILDREN DUE TO MALNUTRITION"

3189 SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:

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

(a) the number of deaths due to malnutrition recorded during the last three years;
(b) whether it is a fact that malnutrition causes many deaths of children in the country;
(c) if so, the reasons therefor;
(d) the details of financial assistance provided by Government to the States for tackling malnutrition; and
(e) whether Government has taken any other remedial measures?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Malnutrition is not a direct cause of death. No deaths due to malnutrition have been recorded by any State / UT and no such information has been provided by any State / UT. However, malnutrition may increase morbidity by reducing resistance to infections. Under Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) strategy of National Health Mission (NHM), various activities are conducted across the country and these activities contribute in child survival as well as improvement in the nutritional status of children.

(d) Details of financial assistance provided by Government to the States/UTs during their Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) for implementation of RMNCAH strategy is placed at Annexure I. Under POSHAN Abhiyaan, the details of funds allocated to States/UTs in order to address malnutrition is at Annexure II.

(e) (i) The Government has accorded high priority to the issue of malnutrition and is implementing several schemes like Anganwadi Services, Scheme for Adolescent Girls and Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) under the Umbrella Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme as direct targeted interventions to address the problem of malnutrition in the country.

Further, POSHAN Abhiyaan launched on 8th March 2018, aims to reduce malnutrition in the country in a phased manner, through a lifecycle approach, by adopting a synergised and result oriented approach.

Mission Poshan 2.0, an integrated nutrition support programme has been announced in budget 2021-2022 for all States/UTs. It seeks to strengthen nutritional content, delivery, outreach and outcomes with focus on developing practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity to disease and malnutrition. Guidelines were issued for transparency and accountability in delivery of supplementary nutrition and to track nutritional outcomes on 13.01.2021.

(ii) Under NHM, there are 1080 Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs) operational across the country. These NRCs provide medical and nutritional care of the admitted sick children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM).

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Annexure I

State/UT wise details of Central Release under RCH Flexible Pool (including RI, PPI & NIIDDCP*) from F.Y. 2018-19 to 2020-21

Rs. In crore

Sl. No.	States	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
		Central Release		
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.88	3.57	5.08
2	Andhra Pradesh	213.54	200.81	184.81
3	Arunachal Pradesh	57.96	37.85	23.50
4	Assam	365.44	392.07	435.18
5	Bihar	425.87	474.87	628.43
6	Chandigarh	3.71	6.16	4.73
7	Chattisgarh	182.72	158.05	160.88
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	4.16	5.68	7.01
9	Daman & Diu	1.64	4.13	
10	Delhi	46.78	20.23	19.18
11	Goa	4.49	4.98	4.69
12	Gujarat	273.88	219.18	219.32
13	Haryana	111.01	113.89	110.96
14	Himachal Pradesh	63.25	58.74	68.39
15	Jammu & Kashmir	111.79	120.24	140.41
16	Jharkhand	187.93	167.87	163.88
17	Karnataka	201.92	214.85	220.44
18	Kerala	99.95	88.48	101.22
19	Lakshadweep	0.77	0.87	0.99
20	Madhya Pradesh	380.86	396.40	456.70
21	Maharashtra	363.03	381.34	520.86
22	Manipur	29.63	37.38	29.55
23	Meghalaya	39.86	33.66	61.17
24	Mizoram	21.38	20.36	28.28
25	Nagaland	26.41	23.58	38.20
26	Odisha	221.65	211.53	206.43
27	Puducherry	4.71	6.12	3.89
28	Punjab	83.50	86.21	90.05
29	Rajasthan	375.50	369.06	504.58
30	Sikkim	6.10	7.35	13.16
31	Tamil Nadu	245.80	242.36	256.34
32	Tripura	43.53	44.56	43.37
33	Uttar Pradesh	865.87	992.01	1021.68
34	Uttarakhand	77.12	82.91	86.25
35	West Bengal	244.61	273.38	300.05
36	Telangana	134.48	123.22	154.14
37	Ladakh	0.00	0.00	19.72

Note:
1. The above releases relate to Central Govt. Grants & do not include State share contribution.

*****National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme (**NIDDCP**), Routine Immunization (RI), Pulse Polio Immunisation (**PPI**)

Annexure II

State/UT wise statement of funds released under POSHAN Abhiyaan
(as on 25.03.2022)

Amount in ₹lakhs

SN	State/UT	Total Central Funds released till 25.03.2022
1	ANDAMAN& NICOBAR ISLANDS	824.51
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	25363.32
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	2815.88
4	ASSAM	32948.67
5	BIHAR	49365.59
6	CHANDIGARH	1222.53
7	CHHATTISGARH	11434.54
8	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI and DAMAN & DIU	1196.11
9	DELHI	3327.18
10	GOA	455.95
11	GUJARAT	29127.69
12	HARYANA	6808.82
13	HIMACHAL PRADESH	10895.41
14	JAMMU & KASHMIR	9224.35
15	JHARKHAND	6665.8
16	KARNATAKA	14276.52
17	KERALA	10444.89
18	LADAKH	118.768
19	LAKSHADWEEP	425.62
20	MADHYA PRADESH	39398.53
21	MAHARASHTRA	60810.326
22	MANIPUR	4389.99
23	MEGHALAYA	5073.386
24	MIZORAM	2575.03
25	NAGALAND	5624.11
26	ODISHA	15172.11
27	PUDUCHERRY	943.62
28	PUNJAB	6909.84
29	RAJASTHAN	22904.21
30	SIKKIM	1370.98
31	TAMIL NADU	25060.44
32	TELANGANA	17906.84
33	TRIPURA	4135.95
34	UTTAR PRADESH	56968.96
35	UTTARAKHAND	13574.89
36	WEST BENGAL	26751.08
Total		**526512.44**