

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2022

MALNUTRITION AMONG CHILDREN IN THE COUNTRY

960 SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

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

- (a) number of children under the age of five who die every day due to hunger and malnutrition in the country;
- (b) State-wise details of such cases registered during the last five years;
- (c) year-wise details of the total number of malnourished children and rate of increase in undernourishment, child stunting, child mortality rate during the said period;
- (d) percentage increase/decrease in the budget of Anganwadi Nutrition Schemes as compared to the year 2014-15; and
- (e) percentage of malnourished children of the country who are covered under the said schemes, percentage of malnourished children who were freed from malnutrition during the last five years?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) No deaths due to malnutrition have been reported by any State / UT.

(c) The data on nutrition indicators is obtained under National Family Health Survey (NFHS) conducted by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. As per the recent report of NFHS-5 (2019-21), the nutrition indicators for children under 5 years have improved as compared with NFHS-4 (2015-16). Stunting has reduced from 38.4% to 35.5%, while wasting has reduced from 21.0% to 19.3%, underweight prevalence has reduced from 35.8% to 32.1% and mortality rate of children under 5 years of age has reduced from 49.7% to 41.9%.

As per Sample Registration System (SRS) of Registrar General of India (RGI), Under 5 Mortality has declined from 43 per 1000 live births in 2015 to 32 per 1000 live births in 2020 at National Level. Year wise details are placed at **Annexure**.

(d) Percentage increase in Budget allocation of Anganwadi Services Scheme (ICDS and SNP) for FY 2022-23, as compared to 2014-15 is **11.36%**:

FY	Budget Allocated
2014-15	Rs. 18,195.00 cr
2022-23	Rs. 20,263.07 cr

(e) The implementation of the Supplementary Nutrition Programme of Anganwadi Services Scheme under Poshan 2.0 is vested with States Governments. Only those beneficiaries who are registered at the AWC are entitled to receive Supplementary Nutrition. All pregnant women and lactating mothers (PW&LM), children in the age group of 6-36 months, SAM children and adolescent girls in the age group of 14-18 years (wherever applicable) are entitled to receive Supplementary Nutrition in the form of Take Home Ration (not raw ration) and Children in the age group of 3-6 years are entitled to receive HCM and Morning Snacks under the Anganwadi Services from the AWC where they are registered. Further, as per the recent report of NFHS-5 (2019-21), the nutrition indicators for children under 5 years of age have improved as compared to NFHS-4 (2015-16).

Annexure

Under 5 Mortality Rate (per 1000 live births)*	
Year	India
2015	43
2016	39
2017	37
2018	36
2019	35
2020	32
* Sample Registration System (SRS) of Registrar General of India (RGI)	
